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WHO LIVED 1674-1731, AND WAS WIFE OF

ISAAC APPLETON,

OF IPSWICH.

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INTRODUCTION

THE chief reason for printing this volume is the opportunity which it gives of preparing better and fuller genealogies of the families of Symonds and Reade than can be found in any book which I have ever seen. No good account has been printed of the descendants of Samuel Symonds, a gentleman of rank and prominence in this country, who held at the time of his death the second place in the colonial government of Massachusetts; and concerning the lineage of his second wife, Martha Reade, whose sister married John Winthrop, Jr., and whose mother married Hugh Peter, still less can be anywhere read. During three visits to England I have myself made long and careful researches into the ancestry of these

persons, and extensive collections illustrating their descent, which have since been enlarged under my direction, till I believe that little is wanting to make the account of these families in England quite satisfactory. The very imperfect state of the early records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, renders it almost impossible to form a sure and true pedigree of any family residing there; and this record of the children of Samuel Symonds is far from being what I should like to have it. I trust, however, that it is as correct and complete as circumstances will allow. I have obtained many new facts concerning the relations of his third wife, Rebecca Swayne, from the "Hale family correspondence," in the library of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Massachusetts.

FAMILY OF BAKER.

IN one of the volumes, which contain the names of many early emigrants from England to America, and which are kept at the State Paper Office, London, we read thus: —

"Aprill 8th 1637. The examinaction of John Baker borne in Norwich in Norffolcke, Grocar aged 39 yeres, and Elizabeth his wife aged 31 yeares with 3 Children, Elizabeth, John and Thomas, and 4 Sarvants, Marey Alxarson, aged 24 yeares, Anne Alxarson, aged 20 yeares, Bridgett Boulle aged 32 yeares and Samuell Arres aged 14 yeares ar all desiroues to goe for Charles Towne in New England ther to inhabitt and remaine."

The name of Baker is quite common in Norwich, and the ancestry of John has not been positively ascertained. I think it most likely that he was a

grandson of Richard Baker, Alderman, who died in 1589, leaving four sons. He had a cousin Richard Baker living in Norwich in 1676. John Baker apprenticed himself in 1613 in terms enrolled as follows: —

April 9, 1616. "Mem that the day & yere abovesayd the sayd Isaacke Grandidge Inrolleth an Indenture dated the xviij^th^ of January in the Tenth yere of his Matie Reigne of England etc Sealed by John Baker whereby the said John putteth himself Apprentice unto the said Isaack Grandidge unto the art and trade of a grocer & wth him to dwell tarry serve & abyde from the feast of the byrth of o^r^ Lord God last before the date of the said Indenture unto the full end & terme of Twelve yeres Duringe all wch said terme the said Isaack Grandidge covenanteth to teach or cause to be taught the said John Baker in the said art & occupacon of a grocer & such other things as he useth fyndynge unto him sufficient meate drinke & other necessaryes duringe all the said terme & in the end thereof to give him doble Apparrell."

John Baker was afterwards made a citizen of Norwich in these terms: —

1628, Aug. 15. "Johes Baker Grocer Appntic Isaac Grandidge admissus est Civis die et Anno p^d^."

It is not known whom he married; but the christenings of the children, whom he brought with him, are all recorded in the register of the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

"1633. Chr. August 18. Elizabeth, the da. of John Baker.
"1634. ,, Noveb: 30. John ye Sone of John Baker.
"1636. ,, Sept. 18. Thomas sonn of John Baker & Eliz: his wife."

John Baker did not settle at Charlestown, but in 1638 is found at Ipswich, Massachusetts. I presume it was he who became Freeman of the Colony 2 June, 1641. His name is occasionally found in the Colonial Records.

13 November, 1644, "It is ord^r^ed, y^t^ John Bak^r^ onely hath liberty to sell wine at Ipswich."

26 May, 1647, "John Baker is licensed to draw wine at Ipswich, accord^g^ to ord^r^."

16 October, 1650, "In answer to the peticon of John Baker, of Ipswich, craving that the severall somes due to him from the country be paid him by the Tresurer out of this levy, and satisfaction for two disappointments by the Cou^r^s adjournment, itt is ordered, that the Treasurer pay him the severall somes due to him, wth forty shillings for his disapointments."

He was from year to year licensed by the County Court for Essex to brew and sell beer, and the following entry is found on the records of that Court for 28 September, 1652: —

"John Baker is discharged fr his p^r^sentment for suspition of not puting in six bushells malt in a hoggshead."

In 1662–63 he had some trouble on account of the misbehavior of his sons, who seem to have been rather wild young men. The particulars will be mentioned in a notice of the younger son Thomas. To this son John Baker had on 20 February, 1662, deeded all his lands, housing, &c., in Topsfield, 150 acres more or less, with the condition that Thomas should pay to his father and mother 10£ every year. The date of death is not known of John Baker, or of his wife Elizabeth. He was living at Topsfield in 1680, as appears from the following documents on record at Salem: —

"Norwich the 2 of march 1676.

"Mr John Baker these lines are to desire you to pay the twenty pound you have in your hand of myne w^c^h I did order you formerly to pay to your Brother Benjamin into the hands of

m^r Nathaniell Greenwood of Boston and his receipt shall be your discharge your cossen Richard Baker & my selfe have writ to you more fully to that purpose.

THOMAS WHITTERELL
RICHARD BAKER."

On 28 June, 1680, Nathaniel Greenwood discharged John Baker, Sen., late of Ipswich and now of Topsfield, in consideration of bills from his sons John and Thomas to the amount of £18.

John[1] and Elizabeth Baker had four children: —

I. Elizabeth,[2] born at Norwich in 1633, of whom nothing is known.
II. John,[2] born at Norwich in 1634.
III. Thomas,[2] born at Norwich, 13 September, 1636.
IV. Martha,[2] born at Ipswich, married, first, Obadiah Antrim of Salem, who was lost at sea on a voyage to Nevis in 1665; secondly, at Topsfield, 22 June, 1670, Thomas Andrews.

John[2] Baker, elder son of the settler, born at Norwich in 1634, married, 13 May, 1667, Katharine, daughter of Rev. William Perkins of Topsfield; he lived in Ipswich, and died in 1718, leaving children. His son John[3] married, in 1703, Hannah, daughter of

John Dutch of Ipswich, and also died in 1718. Letters of administration on estates of father and son were granted 14 April of that year. His daughter Elizabeth[3] married, first, 30 June, 1690, Benjamin Dutch of Ipswich, who died in 1695, and, secondly, 3 August, 1700, John Appleton of Ipswich, who died 17 May, 1724: she died 24 March, 1750.

Thomas[2] Baker, younger son of the settler, born at Norwich 13 September, 1636, received from his father in 1662 an estate in Topsfield, as stated before, and lived in that town. He had previously led rather a wild life at Ipswich. On the records of the County Court for 26 March, 1661, we read, —

"Thomas Baker upon his p^r^sentment for smoking tobaco in the street on the Saboth daye was fined 10^s^ & costs & fees of court."

The next year he and his brother were concerned in a very serious matter, which came before the General Court at Boston, from the records of which I quote at full length: —

7 May, 1662. The Court having considered the case of John Baker & Thomas Baker, represented to this Court by the records of the County Court at Ipsuich, together wth what the parties

could say for themselves, in helping John Perly out of the prison there, who was sentenced to be whipt severely for his stealing of a mare, the Court sentenceth them to be severely whipt wth tenn stripes apeece forthuith, & be bound to their good behaviour wth sureties of twenty pounds apeece till the next County Court at Ipsuich.

In ans^{r} to the petition of John & Thomas Baker, the Court, considering the humble acknowledgement of the petitioners, & their ample justiffication of the authority of the country, doe order the execution of the sentence of this Court against them be suspended till the next session of this Court, the prisoners giving bond wth security to the value of fiffty pounds a peece for their personall appearance at this Court, & in the meane time to be of good behaviour. Security was given accordingly by ye parties, Jno Baker, ye father, & Thō Deane.

8 October, 1662. John & Thomas Backer appearing in Court, the Court ordered that the sentence of the last Court ag^{t} said Bakers be respitted till the next Court of Election, on condicōn that they bring in the person of John Perly to some of the Magis^{ts} at or before ŝd Court, or otheruise to pay five pounds a peece to the comon tresury, or in defect thereof to be punished according to former sentence; & all on condicōn ye give fifty pounds bonds for their appearanc at ye next Genl Court.

6 June, 1663. In ans^{r} to the petition of John Baker, Senī, relating to his sonnes, John & Thomas Baker, the Court

judgeth it meete to abate the peticõners sonnes fines to five pounds, payable to the Tresurer of that county, the petitioner paying tenn shillings for this petition, & then they are dischardged.

It may be doubted whether gentlemen would now escape so easily the results of such an offence as helping a prisoner to break jail. These youthful indiscretions, however, seem to have been forgotten, for Thomas Baker married at Topsfield, 26 March, 1672, Mrs. Priscilla, daughter of the Hon. Samuel Symonds of Ipswich, then an Assistant, and, the year following, Deputy Governor of the Colony of Massachusetts. He lived at Topsfield, and was for many years one of its most trusted and useful inhabitants. He was a selectman several times between 1675 and 1700, and his name occurs very often on the records of the town, particularly on committees to defend the boundaries of Topsfield, which were constantly in dispute with its neighbors. On 16 May, 1683, the General Court authorized the inhabitants of Andover, Topsfield, &c., to raise a troop of horse of forty-eight men; and Thomas Baker was appointed lieutenant. In 1713 he had the title of captain. His name is on the list of church-members of Topsfield in 1684.

As Leift Thō Baker, he was first sent Deputy from Topsfield to the General Court of 7 November, 1683, and again in 1684 and 1686. His pay as Deputy was £2; and the value of his services and time at this period is seen in the following extract from the town-records of Topsfield, 25 January, 1687: —

"Alowed Lieut Thomas Baker five shilings in silver three for the Justises confermation of our Rates to our menister and granting a warrent to our Constable to gather them and two shilings for three days one for goeing Commisiener to Salem & two days to the Justises above said."

In 1688 he was chosen Town-Constable. On 7 May, 1689, he was sent Deputy to consult with the Council of Safety, and,

"At a lawfull Towne metting the 3 of June 1689, — Leiut Thomas Baker was chosen the Townes representive to goe to the preasent Counsell for safty of the people and Conservation of the peace To act for the publick good and welfare and safty of This Collony prohibbiting any act or thing that may have any tendencey to the infringment of any of our Charter privilidges whatsoever."

He was also a Deputy in 1690, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1698, and 1708. In September, 1693, the town voted

to pay him 12 shillings per week; but, in October, changed it to 2 shillings per day.

Thomas[2] and Priscilla Baker had six children: —

I. Priscilla,[3] born at Topsfield 8 December, 1674; married, about 1695, Isaac Appleton of Ipswich.

II. Martha,[3] born at Topsfield 14 October, 1682; married, 17 April, 1712, Joseph Sargent of Gloucester; and died 27 May, 1713, leaving one son; her husband died about 1750.

III. Rebecca,[3] born at Topsfield 16 November, 1685; married 30 April, 1712, Jacob Peabody of Topsfield, who died 24 July, 1749; she lived till 12 March, 1780.

IV. Thomas,[3] born at Topsfield 17 February, 1688; married, 5 January, 1710, Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph Capen of Topsfield, whose wife was Priscilla Appleton, a cousin of Isaac, above mentioned; Thomas[3] Baker died in September, 1725, leaving several children, and Mary, his widow, married, 11 August, 1730, John Griffin of Bradford.

V. John,[3] born at Topsfield 6 January, 1691, married Mary Perley, and died at Ipswich 1 August, 1734. The following notice appeared in the Boston "News-Letter" of 8 August: "IPSWICH, Aug. 1. This day died *John Baker*, Esq., in the 44th year of his age!

He was one of His Maj.s Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex. His Descent was Honourable, son of Capt. *Thomas Baker* of *Topsfield*, by a dau. of the late hon. *Samuel Symonds* Esq., Dep. Gov. of Mass. He has left a widow with four small children, & a considerable Estate for their Support." His widow died 26 March, 1738, aged 40.

VI. Elizabeth,[3] born at Topsfield, baptized 17 September, 1693, of whom nothing is known.

Capt. Thomas Baker died 18 March, 1718, and was buried at Topsfield, with this inscription on his gravestone: —

"Here lyes buried ye
body of Capt. Thomas
Baker who died
March ye 18th 1717–18
Aged 81 years &
6 months
& 5 days."

His widow moved to Ipswich, and died there, 2 January, 1734, aged 85.

Priscilla,[3] eldest daughter of Capt. Thomas Baker, born 8 December, 1674, married, about 1695, Isaac

Appleton of Ipswich. She died there, 26 May, 1731, leaving several children, among whom was an only son, Isaac, ancestor of many of the name of Appleton, including most of those who have been eminent in New England during the present century.

WILL OF THOMAS BAKER.

THE Last Will & Testam^{t} of Thomas Baker of Topsfield & this to be taken only for my last Will & Testament & no other, & first being penitent & sorry from ye bottom of my heart for my Sins past most humbly desireing forgiveness for ye same I give & committ my soul unto almighty God my Saviour & Redeemer in whom & by ye merritt of Jesus Christ I trust & beleive assuredly to be Saved & to have full remission and forgiveness of my sins & att ye Gener^{ll} Day of Resurrection my body shall rise againe with joy thro ye meritts of Christ Death & passiõ possess & inheritt ye Kingdom of heaven prepared for his Elect & Chosen And my Body to be buryed in such place where it shall please my Executo^{r} hereafter named to appoint and for ye temporal Estate & such Goods, Chattells & Debts as it hath pleased God farr above my Desarts hath bestowed upon mee I doe order give & dispose ye same in manner & fforme ffollowing That is to say ffirst I will y^{t} all my debts & duties as I owe in any wise to any person or p̃sons w^{t}

shall be well contented & payd or ordained to be payd wth convenient time after my Decease by my Execut^{rs}.

Item. I give & bequeath unto Mrs Baker my dearly beloved Wife ye best room in my house or any other part of it & Cellar room y^{t} shee shall have occasion to make use of for comfort & all household goods vizt my Bedding Woolen brass peuter & plate except such a part of it as I mentioned hereafter and disposed off to be att her dispose among her children as shee sees good & also to be Supplyed with such things as are necessary for her comfortable being as meat drink cloathing sutable for such a p^{r}son, also to have a horse & man to waite upon her to meeting on ye Sabbath days & att other times as Shee shall Desire to see her ffreinds, and if my Executor faile of performing ye same y^{n} I give to my said Wife twenty pounds a year in passing mony to be payd by my son Thomas two thirds parts of itt & ye other third by my son John & their Heires: If my Wife shoud marry y^{n} I give her five pounds a year in ye like mony as above expressed To be payd by my executo^{rs} y^{r} proportion as above expressed all which said Gift to my Wife is in Lieu of her Right of Dower in my said Estate.

Item. I give & bequeath to my three daughters Priscilla Rebecca & Elizabeth a hundred pounds a peice att money price or Bills of Creditt with what they have received as may appear upon my Book & what is wanting to be their Heires after my Decease to be payd by my Execto^{rs} within two years after.

And whereas it hath pleased God to take away my Dafter Martha by death, & she hath left a child named Joseph Sergeant & shee with her husband Sergeant hath receivd Thirty one pounds I give ye Sum of sixty nine pounds to my grandson Joseph Serjeant if he lives to ye age of twenty one [years] to be pd by my Executo^{r}s as money or bills of creditt to be payd by my Executo^{rs} as heretofore y^{r} proportion.

I give & bequeath to my Son Thomas all my Houses Lands & Meadows y^{t} I have in ye townshipp of Topsfeild and Boxford & Comonages y^{t} belong y^{r}unto and all my Stocks of Cattle of what kind soever y^{t} belongs to mee in Topsfeild & Boxford with all Implements for husbandry & two thirds of all money y^{t} shall remaine due to mee from any person or persons. I also give to my son Thomas my silver Tankard & silver Spoon y^{t} was my ffathers & also ye use of a good Bed for Strangers. I also give and bequeath to my son Thos seven hundred acres of land & meadow I bought of Mr Harlack Symonds and I also give him two hundred & fifty I bought of Mr Noyes att Salem both parcells of land lying att Coxhall att the Eastward he paying two thirds of my debts & legacies & to take care of his mother in all particula^{r}s that shee be supplyd with those things y^{t} are comfortable for her & to pay two thirds of mine & my Wife's ffunerall charges.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Son John all my houses and lands and meadows att ye Argilla ffarme in Ipswich with ye commonages, & all my stock of Cattle y^{t} shall be left there att

my decease, and also I doe bequeath unto my said son John an acre of Salt Marsh y^{t} I bought of Bro^{r} Epes with eight hundred acres of upland & meadow att Coxhall att ye Eastward he paying one third of all my debts & legacies & ffunerall charges of myself & his Mother with six pounds a year to his Bro^{r} Thomas Towards his mothers maintenance as shee lives unmarryed.

Lastly. I doe appoint my two Sons Thomas and John to be my sole Executo^{rs} of this my last Will & Testament & To Exeute ye same.

In wittness whereinto & confirmation thereof I ye said Thomas Baker of Topsfield doe hereunto Sett my Hand & Seal This seventeenth Day of January in ye year of our Lord [One thousand] Seven hundred & Seventeen In ye fourth year of His Maj^{es} Reigne.

THOMAS BAKER.

Signed Seald & publishd
to be my last Will &
Testament in the
p^{r}senc^{e} of us
JACOB DORMAN
JOSEPH DORMAN
JEAN GREY
JOHN APPLETON

Proved at Ipswich, 7 April, 1718.

FAMILY OF SYMONDS.

I WILL begin the account of this family by quoting all that is printed in "THE HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES of the COUNTY of ESSEX," by Rev. Philip Morant, M.A., 1768. It is found under "The Pool," an estate in the parish of Great Yeldham.

"The family is originally of Croft in Lancashire, where they continued in a direct line for about 20 generations, and at length terminated in females. — From Richard, in the *third* generation, sprung the Symonds's of Norfolk; and from John, in the *eighth* generation, sprung the Symonds's of Cambridgeshire. — Thomas Symonds, in the *eleventh* generation, married . . . daughter of Mr. Tolleshunt, of Tolleshunt Darcy. — Thomas, in the *fourteenth* descent, married . . . daughter of Robert Osbaldeston. — John, in the *seventeenth* descent, by . . . daughter of William Lerding, had two sons, William of Croft; and *Robert* who marrying . . . daughter and heir of

. . . Congreve of Stratton in Staffordshire, settled in that county; and from his descendents issued the Symonds's of Oxfordshire. . . . John, in the *twentieth* generation, was of Newport; and, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Thomas Maynard, was father of . . , *John:* who, by Anne daughter of Thomas Bendbow of Shropshire, had his son and heir

RICHARD SYMONDS above-mentioned. He was a Cursitor in Chancery; and marrying, 9 Janu. 1580, Elizabeth daughter of Robert Plumb of Yeldham-Hall above-mentioned, had in frank marriage with her the *Poole*, where he settled. His wife was interred in this Church 24 Janu. 1611, and he himself dyed 8 July 1627, and was also buried here. — *Richard*, then aged 40 years, is set down in the Inquisition as his son and heir. But, according to the pedigree, he had also 4 other sons; viz. John; Thomas, who dyed without issue 5 June, 1625; Samuel; and Edmund; and Richard is set down as the fifth. Of *John*, who is placed as the eldest in the pedigree, we shall give a particular account, after taking proper notice of the others. 3. Samuel, the 3d son, married Dorothy daughter of Thomas Harlakenden of Earl's-Colne. He was a Cursitor in Chancery; and had Olivers in Toppesfield; but retired to New England with his family. . . . — 4. Edmund the 4th son, was also a Cursitor in Chancery. In right of his wife, Anne only daughter of Joshua Draper of Braintree, to whom he was married 2 February 1614, he had an estate at Black-Notley, where he dwelt, and dying 9 Decemb. 1627, was buried

in that Church. He had 3 sons, and 1 daughter. *Richard*, the eldest son, was a Cursitor in Chancery, and *Collector* of the *Three Volumes* in folio, preserved in the Heralds Office, containing the Arms, Epitaphs, and other Antiquities in this county, to which we so often refer in the course of this work. On the 25th of March 1643, he was committed to prison by Miles Corbet for his loyalty to K. Charles I. but escaping, he went into the King's Army, and served in his troop, under the command of the Lord Bernard Steuart Earl of Litchfield, at the battles of Cropedy-bridge, Lestwithiel, Newbury second and third, Naseby, and relief of Chester, where that noble Lord was slain: After that, he was at Denbigh with Sir William Vaughan, and at other places.—*Edward*, the second son, baptized 20 Decemb. 1621, dyed at Oxford in 1645, being in arms for the King. . . . John, the third son was baptized 10 April 1627. And Anne 31 March 1631. 5 *Richard*, the fifth son of the first Richard Symonds settled here, was of Magdalen College, Cambridge, and of Lincoln's-Inn. He purchased the manor of Panfield, where he sometimes resided, and dying 26 Sept. 1680, aged 83, was buried in this Church, with a monument.

JOHN, the eldest son abovementioned, of Richard Symonds, who first settled at the Pool, and Elizabeth Plumb, married Anne daughter of Tho. Elyott of Godalming in Surrey, Esq.; by whom he had 4 sons, Richard, John, Samuel, and Fitz-Symonds: and 4 daughters, Agnes wife of Tho. Bacon of

London, merchant; Elizabeth, of Antony Wolmer of Lincoln's-Inn Esq.; Thomasine and Dorothy, twins, born 16 August 1627. Thomasine was married to . . . *Pepys* Esq.; . . . Richard, the eldest son, born 13 Octob. 1616, being of Lincoln's-Inn, was in several battles with the Earl of Essex against the King; and slain at Naseby 1645, fighting under the command of Sir Thomas Fairfax. . . . John, the second son, born at Yeldham, 4 Sept. 1618, became one of the Cursitors in Chancery upon his father's resignation in 1641. He was of Lincoln's-Inn, and near 40 years a Justice of Peace for this county. He had two wives, but issue by neither. The first was Elizabeth daughter of Sir Robert Quarles of Rumford Knt. She was buried in this Church 18 Decemb. 1666. His second wife was Jane daughter of Sir Robert Burgoyne, of Sutton in Bedfordshire, Knt. This worthy person dyed 19 Febr. 1692–3, in the 74th year of his age, and was buried in the South Chapel of this Church. By will he left this and other his estates to his nephew,

John Pepys Esq."

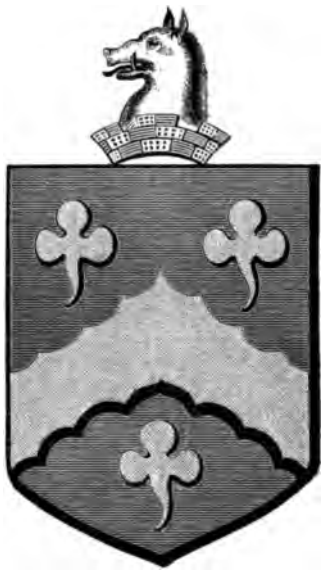
This account is copied almost exactly in "THE HISTORY AND TOPOGRAPHY OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX," by Thomas Wright, 1836.

Our more positive information is derived from the Heraldic Visitation of Essex in 1634, (British

Museum, MS. Harleian, 1542), and from the researches of Richard Symonds, a nephew of the settler in New England and a devoted antiquary, whose MS. Collections for the County of Essex, made about 1638–40, in three folio volumes, are now in the library of the College of Arms, London. He gives six generations of ancestors before Richard, who married Elizabeth Plume of Great Yeldham; and this is probably as far as he could trace his lineage with any certainty: Morant's twenty generations would carry the family back beyond the Norman Conquest. The following pedigree is from the second volume of Symonds' Collections: it has been already printed by the Camden Society, together with the contents of four small MS. volumes by Symonds in the British Museum, in which he recorded the armory of such churches as he visited while serving in the Royal army in 1644–5, as well as much military and other matter. The same library contains ten more MS. volumes by Symonds, some of which I have examined. The compiler made a strange mistake in giving the date of death of his father, Edward Symonds of Black Notley, as 1627, whereas it should be 1636. The pedigree in the Visitation differs slightly from

this, but is much shorter, and adds little information. It tells the baptismal name, "Dorathey," of the wife of Samuell of Topesfeld, and gives him nine children, — Richard, Samuell, Harlakenden, John, William, Dorathey, Jane, Anne, Elizabeth. It has the coat of arms, and attestation, as printed below the woodcut opposite.

There is little to be added to the pedigree, except the few facts obtained from the wills here printed. John[6] Symons of Newport, Shropshire, who married Ann, daughter of Thomas Benbow, died in 1574, and left a nuncupative will, in which he mentioned his wife Ann, his sons Richard,[7] John,[7] Thomas,[7] Thurston,[7] Francis,[7] and Roger,[7] and his daughters Elizabeth,[7] Margaret,[7] and Isabel.[7] Of these sons, Richard[7] moved to Great Yeldham, Essex, and died there in 1627; John[7] and Roger[7] lived at Newport, and died in 1597 and 1604; Thomas[7] was presented by his brother Richard to the rectory of Farnham in Essex, which he held till 1634; Thurston[7] was of London, and died in 1628, leaving an only son, Thomas[8]; by his will he appointed as his executors, his "well-beloved kinsmen and nephewes" Edward Symons of Black Notley and Thomas Symons, son of his brother Thomas Symons



The Auntiant Armes of Richard Symonds of great yeldham in com. Essex son of John Symonds of newport in com. Sallop gent wth the guifte of this creast allwch S^{r} R^{l} St. George K^{t} Clarenceux king of Armes exempliffed by lres pattents dated in the ffirst yeare of king Charles the Xth day of January a^{o} 1625 to the said Richard Symonds and to his posterity fforever.

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John Symonds of Croft, com Lancast: = —— da

Robt. Symonds went into Staffordshire = —— da

John Symonds of Stratton = daughter of —— G

Thomas Symonds of Stratton = ——daughter of Thomas Worthin

John Symonds of Newport, com Salop = Margaret

John Symonds of Newport, com Salop = Ann daug

Richard Symonds of the Poole an antient seate in this parish, came out of Shropsh: one of ye Cursistars of ye Chancery, buried in Yeldham Church July 8. 1627. = Elizabeth of Yeldh Yeldham

John Symonds eldest son one of ye Cursistars of ye Chancery. = Ann daughter of Thomas Elyott of Godalmyng in ye County of Surrey Esq.

Thomas S. 2d son dyed June 5 without yssue 1625.

Margaret onely daughter married to Edmund Eyre of Windsor Gent. one of ye Cursistars of ye Chancery.

Edward Symonds 2d son one of ye Cursistars of ye Chancery, borne at Yeldham, Died 9 of Decemb. 1627, buried in ye Church of Black Notley in Essex. he lived in Notley and had his lands chiefly by his wife. Benefactor wth ye other Cursistars to ye Library at Westminster.

Richard Symonds eldest son one of ye Cursistars of ye Chancery 1617, committed prisoner by Myles Corbet for a delinquent escaped thence 1643 & gott into ye Kings Army where he was comand of ye Lord Bernard Stuart Earle of Lichfield in ye battle field Newbury 2d Naseby 3d Reliefe of Chester where that he wth Sr Wm Vaughan at Denbigh & other places. Collector of

Richard S. eldest son student in Lincolns Inn, in divers battles with ye Earle of Essex agt ye King, was slayne at Naseby 1645. Under ye Comand of Sr Tho: Fairfax agt ye King. borne Oct. 13. 1616.

John S. 2 son one of the Cursistars of the Chancery by ye resignation of his father 1641. borne at Y. Sept. 4. 1618. = married ye daughter of Sr Robt Quarles of Romford com Essex.

Samuel S. 3 son.

Fitz Sym 4th son.

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er of Sr Wm Lording, Kt.

er & h. of ——— Congrave, of Stratton.

or, of Bellaport, com Salop Esqr.

gent. — Robt S. 2d son married ——— had yssue.

ter of Thomas Maynard.

of Thomas Bendbow.

daughter of Robt Plume l, gent. buried in Jan. 27. 1611.

Willm Symonds married and had yssue.

Roger S.

n onely daughr of John Drayr of Brayntree y e County of sex married in t. Gregories of anls Londō eb. 2. 1614.

Samuel S. 3d son one of ye Cursistars of the Chancery, bought ye place in Toppesfield in Essex called Olivers 100 ℔ ann, went into New England.

——— daughter of Thos: Harlakinden of Colne.

Richard S. 5th son Barrister of Lincolns Inn, bought ye manor of Panfield in Essex of James Heron Esq.

Richard S. eldest son, student in Greys Inn.

Dorothy. Samuel. Harlakenden. Elizabeth. wch he carried wth him to New England.

ptised at Notley 12 June State 25 of March 1643, Kings Troope under ye of Cropradry bridg Lichrd was slayne. after yt Volumes.

Edward Symonds 2d son dyed at Oxford 1645 being in Armes for ye King 1645. baptised Dec. 20. 1621.

John Symonds bapt. at Notley Apl 10. 1627.

Ann Symonds bapt at N. March 31. 1631.

Ann Symonds eldest daughter married Mr Thomas Bacon of ye Citty of London Merchant.

——— Bacon only daughter.

Elizabeth 2d daughter married to Anthony Walmer of Lincolns Inn Barrister, by whom he had Elizabeth.

Thomasine married Pepys. Dorothy twins, borne Aug. 16. 1627.

Dorothy & Penelope both dead about 1621.

of Farnham, Clark, Parson of Farnham. Ann, widow of John[6] Symons, died in 1597.

Richard[7] Symonds, eldest son of John, moved to Great Yeldham in Essex, where he married, 9 January, 1581, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Plume * of that parish, and received with her the estate known as The Pool. They had five sons, — John,[8] Thomas,[8] Edward,[8] Samuel,[8] and Richard-Fitz;[8] and one daughter, Margaret,[8] who married Edmund Eyre of Windsor, and of Burnham, Buckinghamshire. He was a Cursitor † in Chancery, and died in 1627; his wife had died in 1611. His will has not been found. In the church of Great Yeldham is a mural brass tablet to his memory, with figures of himself and wife, five sons, and one daughter, in prayer, and, below, a shield with these arms: SYMONDS, of four quarterings: 1 and 4, Azure, a chevron engrailed between three trefoils slipped Or; 2, Or, three eagles displayed ——; 3, —— on a bend —— three eagles displayed ——; empaling PLUME, Argent, a bend Vairy Or and Gules, cotised Vert.

* Robert Plume was son of John Plume of Great Yeldham, and married Elizabeth Purchas: she died in 1596, and he in 1613.

† A cursitor is an officer in the Court of Chancery, whose duty it is to make out original writs.

John[8] Symonds, eldest son of Richard, inherited The Pool, where he lived. He was a Cursitor in Chancery, and married Ann, daughter of Thomas Elyott of Godalming in Surrey. They had four sons, — Richard,[9] John,[9] Samuel,[9] and Fitz;[9] and seven daughters, of whom three died in infancy. Ann,[9] born in 1612, married, 1 November, 1627, Thomas Bacon; Elizabeth,[9] born in 1614, married, 6 June, 1639, Anthony Wollmer, and had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Martin Carter; Thomasine,[9] born in 1626, married John Pepys, and had, with other children, a son, John Pepys, who inherited part of the estates of the family in Great Yeldham. John[8] Symonds died in 1657.

Thomas[8] Symonds, second son of Richard, died childless at Great Yeldham, 5 June, 1625. He may have been the same Thomas Symons, from Essex, who was admitted fellow-commoner of Jesus College, Cambridge, 8 July, 1615.

Edward[8] Symonds, third son of Richard, was a Cursitor in Chancery, and married Ann, only daughter of Joshua Draper of Braintree in Essex, with whom he had an estate at Black Notley, in the same county, where he lived, and died in 1636. They had

three sons, — Richard,[9] Edward,[9] and John;[9] and one daughter, Ann,[9] who married —— Wright.

Samuel[8] Symonds, fourth son of Richard, moved to New England, and founded the family in America. He will be fully noticed farther on.

Richard-Fitz[8] Symonds, fifth son of Richard, born in 1598, was a barrister of Lincoln's Inn. He bought the estate of Panfield in Essex, and died unmarried, 26 September, 1680, leaving his property to the sons of his brother John. In the church of Great Yeldham is a mural marble monument to his memory, with the family arms, and the following inscription: —

In Memoriam
RICI FITZ-SYMONDS
Armigeri qui bene latuit
beneq. vixit. Et sup 26tum
diem Septembr, Ao. Dñi
1680 ab hac luce
Migravit =
Ao. Ætatis sue
83o.

Richard[9] Symonds, eldest son of John, born in 1616, was killed at Naseby, in 1645, in the Parliamentary army under Sir Thomas Fairfax.

John[9] Symonds, second son of John, born in 1618, was a Cursitor in Chancery, and succeeded his father in the estates at Great Yeldham. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Quarles of Romford in Essex, Knight, who died 15 December, 1666, and was buried at Great Yeldham; and secondly, Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Burgoyne of Sutton, Bedfordshire, Knight. He had no children, and died 19 February, 1693, leaving his extensive estates in Great Yeldham, Castle Hedingham, Toppesfield, Panfield, Shalford, Stamborne, &c., to his nephew, John Pepys of Cambridge, and his grand-nephew, Martin Carter. In the church of Great Yeldham is a mural marble monument to his memory, with a shield of four quarterings, and the long inscription following. Arms, 1 and 4, Symonds, as before; 2, Azure, a talbot passant Argent, for Burgoyne; 3, Or, a fess dancettée Ermine between three sea-pewits Vert, for Quarles.

Hic in pace quiescit,
Non nisi novissimâ tubâ evocandus,
JOHANNES SYMONDS,
De Yeldham magnâ, in Comit. Essexiæ,
Armiger.
In Hospitio Lincolniensi

Legibus impensè studuit, sed paci magis,
Cujus per quadraginta ferè annos
Custos erat vigilantissimus:
Juris imprimis, sed & æqui simul,
Consultissimus:
Id enim unicè curavit
Vt lites extingueret impensis & simultate senescentes:
Vnde ubique habitus est
Pauperum patronus & asylum. Spectatæ erat
Erga Deū pietatis, erga amicos fidei, erga egenos liberalitatis.
Duas suscepit Vxores,
Vtramque æquo & singulari coluit affectû:
Primam Dñi Rob. Quarles Filiam
De Rumford in Comit. Essexiæ Militis;
Secundam, Dñi Rogeri Burgoyne
De Sutton in agro Bedford. Militis & Bar^{ti} Filiam.
Memoria justi non peribit in æternum.
Obiit Feb. XIX, Anno Salutis, MDCXCII. Ætatis suæ
LXXIIII.

Samuel[9] Symonds, third son of John, born in 1623, was rector of Colne Engaine in Essex, from 1662 to 1667, in which year he died, and was buried at Great Yeldham. He left a wife, Hannah, but no children.

Fitz[9] Symonds, fourth son of John, born in 1629, was living in 1666. Probably he was the person called

DOCUMENTS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

1573–(4). January. John Simons sepult the ——.
1592–(3). William Simons son of Roger bapt. march 22.
1593. September. Mary Simons filia John bapt. the 2.
1594. Margaret Simons filia Thomas bapt. novemb. 4.
1595. February. Mary Simons filia John sepult the 7.
1595. Elizabeth Simons filia Roger bapt. January the 23.
1596. June. William Simons sepult the 22.
1597. June. Anna Simons widdow sepult the 2.
1597. July. Margaret Simons sepult the 2.
,, ,, Jane Simons widdow sepult the 17.
,, ,, Elizabeth Simons sepult the 25.
1597. August. Thomas Symons draper sepult the 6.
1597. September. John Symons draper sepult the 8.
1598. May. Atealanta Simons filia William bapt. the 25.
1598–(9). February. Margaret Simons filia John bapt. the 1.
1604. Julij. Rogerus Symmons sepultus fuit vicesimo septimo Die i Rogerus occisus fuit p——.*

* The last word I could not decipher.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

1580–(1). Richard Symons and Elizabeth Plūme weare maried the ixth day of January Anno Elizabeth the xxiij^{o} anno dñi p^{r}dic.

1617. Samuel Symons and Dorothie Harlakinden were maried the second day of Aprill 1617 annoq regni Jacobi Regis etc 15°.

1595. Samuell Symons the sonne of Richard Symons was baptised the ixth of June 1595 Eliz. xxxvijth.

1598. Richardfitz Symons the sonne of Richard Symons was baptised the xxxth day of march anno dñi 1598 anno Eliz. the xlth.

1610–(1). Elizabeth Symons late wife of m^{r} Richard Simons was buried the xxiiijth of January 1610, añoq regni Jacobi regis etc octavo.

1625. Thomas Symons, soñe of Richard Symons, was buried the sixt day of June 1625 añoq regni Caroli Regis etc primo.

1627. m^{r} Richard Symons the elder was buried the xth day of July 1627.

1657. M. John Symons senyor was buryed the 6th day of october 1657.

1666–(7). Mr Samuell Symonds was buryed Jan. 15th 1666.

1680. Richard Fitz-Symonds Esq was buryed Octob. 1^{t} 1680.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF TOPPESFIELD, ESSEX.

1618. Jun. 15. Richard the sonne of Samuel Simons gent. was baptized.

1619. Nouemb. 9. Dorothe daughter of Samuell Simons & Dorothe his wife was baptized.

1621. Apr. 29. Jane daughter of Samuell Simons & Dorothee his wife baptized.

1622. Anne Simons the daughter of Samuell Simons gent. & Dorothy his wyfe was baptized ye 25th day of Aprill A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

1623. Samuell Symons the sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized the 29th day of October Anno p^{r}dicto.

1624. Elizabeth Symons the daughter of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 22th day of December Anno p^{r}dicto.

1625–(6). Samuell Simons ye sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 3 day of January Anno p^{r}dicto.

1627. Harlakinden Simons ye sonne of Samuell Simons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 17th day of Aprill Anno p^{r}dicto.

1628. John Simons the sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 15th day of Julie Anno p^{r}dicto.

1629. Robert Simons the sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 13th day of August Anno p^{r}dicto.

1632. William Symons ye sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized ye 22th day of June A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

1633. Roger Symons ye sonne of Samuell Symons gent. & Dorothy his wife was baptized the 5th day of December A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

1623. Samuell Symons the sonne of Samuell Symons was buried the 4th day of November Anno p^{r}dicto.

1630. Robert Symons ye sonne of Samuell Symons was buried ye 2 day of September Anno p^{r}dicto.

1634. Roger Symons was buried the 10th day of June A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

1634. Anne Symons was buried ye 27th day of Nouember A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

1636. Dorothy Simons ye wife of m^{r} Samuel Simons was buried ye 3^{d} day of August A^{o} p^{r}dicto.

WILLS FROM VARIOUS PROBATE OFFICES.

JOHN SYMONS.

In the name of God amen the xxixth daye of November anno 1573, and in the Sixteneth yeare of o^{r} Soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God Quene of Englannd Fraunce and Ireland defendo^{r} of the faithe &c. John Symons late of Newporte in the countie of Salopp deceased sicke of bodye but whoale and ꝑfecte of remembraunce in the preasance of Roger Symons Fraunes Milwarde and Thomas Bendbowe spake theis words hereafter ensewing or the like in effecte as his laste will that is to saye he gave all his landes unto his eldeste Sonne Richarde Symons and to his Seconnde Sonne John Symons he gave fyve Poundes of Lawfull monnye of england. Item he gave and bequeasted to Thomas Symons his thirde Sonne fyve poundes of lawfull monnye of englande. Item he gave and bequeasted to Thurstan Symons his fowrth Sonne fyve poundes of Lawfull monnye of englande. Item he gave and bequeasted to Fraunes Symons his fifte Sonne fyve poundes of Lawfull monnye of englande. Item he gave and bequeasted to Roger Symons his youngeste Sonne fyve poundes of Lawfull monnye of englande. Item he gave and bequeasted to Elizabeth his dawghter Twentie Poundes of Lawfull monnye of englande and one fetherbed and twoe silv̄ Spones. Item he gave and bequeasted to Margarette his dawghter Thirtene Poundes

vj^{s} viij^{d} of Lawfull monnye of Englande one fetherbedde and twoe silver spones. Item he gave and bequeasted to Isabell his youngeste dawghter xiij^{ll} vj^{s} viij^{d} of Lawfull monnye of englande one fetherbedd and twoe Silver spones. Item all the residewe of his goodes unbequeasted he gave and bequeasted to Anne his wife whome he made his onely and soale executrix.

Proved at London 4 June 1574.

JOHN SYMONDS.

In the name of God Amen I John Symonds of Nether Yeldham in the Countie of Essex gent. being at the present time in good and perfect memorie (thainks be to Allmightie God therefore) yet takeing unto mind the frailtie of this mortall life, Doe make and ordeine this my last will and Testament in manner & forme following revoking all others. First I commit my soule to God that gave it, and my bodie to be buried trusting and relying upon the mercies of God and that by the meritts of Jesus Christ which he hath done and suffered for sinfull mankind (beleevers in him) to obtain remission of my sinnes & fruition of eternall Life amongst his glorified Saints. Also I give and bequeath to my sonne Samuel Symonds the summe of Six Hundred pounds partlie in Lieu of a Legacie of Twentie pounds given to him by his Grandfather Symonds his will * and

* Unfortunately this will is not now found.

in full satisfaccõn thereof To be paid to him by my Executor hereunder named. Also I give and bequeath to my sonne Fitz Symonds the summe of Three hundred pounds To be paid to him by my s^d^ Executor which two severall portions or Legacies if my Executor be not provided to paie them within Six moneths after my decease then my will and minde is, That my said Executor shall give to each of them sufficient securitie by Mortgage of Lands for the payment thereof with allowance for the forbearance thereof. Also my will & minde is, that whereas my Daughter Elizabeth is left in a deplorable estate & condiccõn by her evill disposed husband Wolmer, who inasmuch as in him Lyeth hath deprived her of all means of Liveliehood, although I her father Upon the Commendaccõn of him to me by my brother Richard Did give him Six Hundred pounds, and Lend him further one Hundred pounds &c in marriage with her; She being now againe Left to the rate & charge of me her Father, cannot but doe the Utmost for her that I am able. Further it is therefore my will and mynd that my said Executor doe take special care for her reliefe, so that she be p^r^vided for of meat drinck Howseroome, Lodging, Apparrell fireing and all other necessaries for her liveliehood meet for her during her life or untill it shall please God otherwise to provide for her. Also my will and minde is, That my said Executor doe take speciall care of my Grandchild Elizabeth Wolmer, to whom I give and bequeath the sume of * Hundred pounds to be paid to her by my

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said Executor at her age of one & Twentie yeres unles she marrie before, then at her marriage, Which two last mentioned Legacies, that they maie the better be performed, my will and mind is that my Stock shalbe apprized by three judicious men whereof my brother Richard & my sonne Samuel to be two of them, the value or price or summe thereof, which being employed will as I conceive yeld a Competence for the maintenance of my said Daughter Elizabeth and of her Daughter, till she have her portion. And my desire is, that my said Executor shall or will execute this my desire And shall also give my sonne Samuel for the performance hereof such securitie as my said Brother and sonne Samuel shall think meet. And further my will is that if my said Executor shall refuse so to doe, then I will that my said sonne Samuel shall have the value or price of my stock as it is apprized and he shall give bonds to my said Executor for the performance hereof as is desired. Also I give and bequeath to my grandchild Hellen Bacon the summe of Twentie pounds at her age of three and Twentie yeres, To be paid to her by my said Executor. Also I give and bequeath to Twentie of the Poore people of Nether Yeldham Hedingham at the Castle & Toppesfield each parish Twentie shillings a Parish to be distributed at the Discrecõn of my said Executor soone after my decease. Also I give and bequeath to each of my bretheren and Sister Eyre a peece of Gould of Twentie & two shillings in token of my love unto them. Also I give and bequeath to my sonne in Lawe Pepys the Five pounds which he

oweth me. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Thomasine his wife Five pounds to be paid to her self by my said Executor and to their two sonns Samuel & John Five pounds a peece at their severall ages of one and Twentie yeres. Also I give & bequeath to Roger Wrag all my wearing apparrell, & three pounds in monie. Also for the better enabling & incouragement of my said Executor to undertake the Execucõn of this my will I give & bequeath unto my sonne John Symonds whom I make my sole Executor of this my will, All the rest of my goods, Debts, Chattles, Lands and Tenements (my Debts & Legacies being Discharged & which are not in this my will otherwise Directed and Disposed) To have and to hold to him and his heires for ever; Hoping that he will doe his best endeavor to Execute this my will according to my intent & meaninge. In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the Eighth Daie of May in the yere of o^r Lord One Thowsand Six Hundred Fiftie Seaven. By me John Symonds gen̄. ꝑ me Joham Symonds gen̄.

Proved at London 23 November 1657.

EDWARD SYMONDS.

In the name of the blessed Trinitie God Almightie Amen the Twelfe daie of October in the yeare of the Incarnation of my Lord Jesus Christ one thousand six hundred thirty sixe I

Edward Symonds of Black Notley in the County of Essex and Dioces of London gentleman beinge at this tyme sicke and weake in body but in good and perfect memorie (I praise the Almightie God therefore) considering this my uncertaine continuance in this my mortall life, doe for the better quiet of my own mind and peace and concord of those whome by the lawes of nature & grace I am bound to provide for, make and ordaine this my last will and Testament as followeth.

First and above all things I give myselfe wholly into the hands of God the Father for hee made me, Jesus Christ his onely sonne my onely Saviour for hee redeemed mee, and to the holy ghost my Comforter and Directer in all goodness for hee sanctifieth me. To which blessed Trinity in unity and unitie in Trinitie I humbly desire to be an instrument of glory both heere and in heaven for evermore.

The temporall goods which that great God hath bestowed upon mee I give and bequeath in such sort as hereafter is declared.

And first I give and bequeath unto Richard Symonds my sonne whome I doe ordayne and constitute the sole Executor of this my last will and testament, All my houses lands tenements leases goods and Chattells except such as are hereby otherwise disposed, to have and to hold to him and his heires for ever upon trust confidence and condiĉon that hee will performe and fulfill the same accordinge to the true intent and meaninge thereof discharging my debts and paying such Legacyes as shall hereby

bee given and bequeathed and under the Charges provisoes and Lymitacõns hereafter expressed and declared.

And forasmuch as I hould myself obliged by the bonds of nature to expresse a tender respect and care for the future maintenance and support of my deare Companion and loving wife who albeit shee is interessed or intituled unto parte of my lands by the order and course of the Comon lawes of this Realme, yet for her quiet and the more orderly and convenient disposinge of my estate amongst my said wife and children and by her consent and appᵗbacõn I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my said wife for terme of her life in leiwe and recompence of her dower and estate out of all my Lands and Tenements the yearely rent of Five and Fifty Pounds, to be paid by my said Executor att the fower usuall Feasts or tymes in the year (that is to say) at the Feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell, the Nativity of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Annunciacõn of the blessed Virgin Mary, and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist by equall porcõns, The first payment thereof to commence at that Feast which shall first happen after my decease. And if it shall happen the same to bee behind and unpayd by the space of Fifteene dayes after anie of the dayes and tymes limited for the payment thereof, Then it shalbe lawfull for my said wife to enter into all my Lands and Houses whatsoev and wheresoever and there to distreyne untill the same be paid accordinge to the true intent and meaninge of this my last will and testament. Yet notwithstandinge my will and meaning is that my said wife

shall have and occupye to her owne use and behoofe duringe her life two Chambers that is to say the Kitchine Chamber wherein my said sonne lyeth and the Chamber intended to be builded over part of the Brewhouse with free liberty att her pleasure to walk in and through all the houses yards gardens Orchards &c. alsoe a meete roome or part in the woodhouse for wood &c.

Item I give and bequeath unto her my said lovinge wife thirtie pounds in money and of goods, household stuffe plate or Jewells (after appraisement made) of whatsoever shee best liketh to the value of Thirtie Pounds more. Provided alwaies and upon condiĉon that if my said wife doe claime or demand any of my said Lands or Tenements by vertue or pretence of anie manner of right tytle or Interest or shall not within Three moneths after my death release convey and assure unto my said sonne Richard all her my said wifes right title or estate & interest into or out of all and singuler my said Lands and Tenements then shee is to loose the benefitt of all such Legacyes goods and Comōdityes as are to her hereby appointed and gyven and everie Clause concerninge onely the same to bee voide and of none effect.

Item I give and bequeath to my two sonnes Edward and John Six hundred Pounds a peece to bee paid to them at their severall ages of three and twenty yeares, and to my daughter Ann Five hundreth Pounds to be paid att her age of twentie yeares or at the daie of her marriage which shall first happen, and in the meane tyme for and towards their educations sixteene

Pounds a peece yearely till they accomplish their severall ages of twenty yeares and then my will is that my said sonnes shall have fower and twenty Pounds a peece yearely untill they shall attaine to their said sevall ages of three & twenty yeares, the said Annuyties or yearely somes to bee paid at the fower feasts and tymes in the yeare as is before appoynted to my Wife by equall porcons. And if it shall happen the same to be behind and unpaid by the space of twenty dayes after anie of the said tymes lymited then it shalbe lawfull for my said three Children Edward John and Ann, and everie of them respectively to enter into all my lands and Tenements in Bumpstead and to distreyne untill the same bee paid according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament. And if the said principall some or Legacie of Six hundreth Pounds given to my said sonne Edward happen to be unpaid at the tyme before appoynted for the payment thereof then my will is that my said sonne Edward to have and to hould to him and to his heires forever the one moyety of my farme and Tenements in Bumpstead. Likewise if it happen the said principall some or Legacie of Six hundreth pounds given to my said sonne John to be unpaid at the tyme before appointed for the payment thereof, then my will is that my said sonne John to have to him and his heires forever the other moyetie of my said farme and Tenements in Bumpsteed upon this Condicon notwithstanding that my said two sonnes Edward and John soe entryng and enjoyinge the sayd severall moyetyes pay out of the same one hundred and Fifty Pounds a

peece to my said daughter Anne as parte of the Five hundreth Pounds before bequeathed her at such tymes as are assigned for the payment thereof, and if it further happen the other three hundred pounds residue of the said Legacie of Five hundred pounds to be unpaid unto my said daughter att her said age of twenty yeares or day of marriage then my will and meaninge is my said daughter Ann to have and to hould to her and her heires forever my Lands and Tenements in Black Notley called Overeds Grayes Wren Parke and Perry Crofts. Provided alwayes that if my said daughter Ann marry without the consent of my Loving bretheren John Symonds, Samuel Symonds, Richard-Fitz Symonds, and of Ann my beloved wife and Richard my sonne or two of them at the least, the same to be declared by wryting under three or two of their hands and seales, then my will and meaninge is that the said Five hundreth pounds shall be paid into the hands of my said bretheren to bee by them distributed amonge my Children according to their discretions.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Bretheren and Margaret my Sister Five markes a peece in token of my love to them and my meaninge is that my said Executor reward my Servants with some token for remembrance according to his discretion and their meritt.

And lastly (though not most forgotten) I will and require my said Executor to contynue in my steede mindfull of the poore not for once and a done but from tyme to tyme as God shall inlarge him with abilitie thereunto.

In witnes this to be my last will and Testament conteyned in these two severall sheets of paper whereunto alsoe my hand and Seale is severally put.

EDW. SYMONDS.

These are witnesses whose names are subscribed. Joshua Draper. Sollomon Rallins. The m̃ke of William Homes.

Proved at London 31 January 1637.

RICHARD FITZ SYMONDS.

In the name of God Amen, The first day of June in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred sixtie & three I Richard Fitz Symonds of Yeldham Magna in the Countie of Essex gentleman being of whole minde & p^r^fect remembrance (blessed be God) doe make ordaine & declare this to be my last Will & Testament and doe make constitute & appoint my trustie & well-beloved Nephew Mr John Symonds sonne & heire of my brother John Symonds sole Executor heereof. And first I doe humbly resigne & recommend my immortall Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father the Lord & maker therof through the sanctification of whose Holy Spirit I have an entrance unto him by Jesus Christ my Blessed Redeemer through the sprinkling of whose precious bloud I am begotten againe with a lively hope that I have free & full remission of

all my Sinnes and that when the earthly tabernacle of my flesh is dissolved I shall have possession of a durable Inheritance among them that are sanctifyed by faith in his name. Secondly I doe committ my Body to the earth to be decently buryed in sure & c'taine hope that it shall be kept through the power of God & raysed up at the last day by vertue of ye resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and that Soule & Body being re-united shall together enjoy the perpetuitie of Blessedness & holy happyness in the Kingdome of Heaven for evermore. Item I give & bequeath ffortie shillings to the Poore of Yeldham; And ffortie shillings to the Poore of Panfield; And Twentie shillings to the Poore of Shalford; to be distributed according to the discretion & direction of mine Executor. Moreover I bequeath Twentie pounds to be imployed by mine Executor about the purchase of ffirewood for the Almeshouse of Yeldham aforesaide and to be layd in the yard of the saide Almeshouse yearely for Ten yeares after my decease for the use & behoofe of the Poore therin. Item I give unto my loving Brother Mr Samuel Symonds of New-England One hundred pounds to be paid within one yeare after my decease (if he be then living) And also five pounds a piece to every one of those his Children which were borne in England & went w'th him & shall be living a yeare after my decease. Item I give those my Manors of Nicholls & Panfield hall with all & every their severall & respective rights members & appurten'nces Together with all & sing'lr my Lands Tenem'ts Rents & Hereditam'ts whatsoever

& wheresoever unto the forenamed John Symonds my Nephew To have & to hold the saide Manors & Lands to him & the heires males of his body and for default of such issue Then as to my Manor of Nicholls with all & every its rights members & app'ten'nces Together with all & sing'l'r my lands tenem'ts Rents & Hereditam'ts in Shaldeford, my will is that they shall remaine & come to Samuel Symonds brother of the saide John & to the heires males of his body And for default of such Issue male of the body of the saide Samuel Symonds Then they shall remaine over to Fitz Symonds Brother of the saide Samuel & to the heires males of his body, And for default of such issue male of the body of the saide Fitz Symonds, Then to the right heires of the saide John Symonds for ever. And as to my Manor of Panfield hall with all & every its rights members & app'ten'nces Together with all & sing'l'r my lands tenem'ts Rents & Hereditam'ts in Panfield my will is That for default of such Issue male of the body of the saide John Symonds they shall remaine & come to the saide Fitz Symonds & the heires males of his body; And for default of such Issue the Remainder thereof to Samuel Symonds Brother of the saide Fitz Symonds and the heires males of his body; And for default of such Issue, to the right heires of the saide John Symonds for ever. Item I give unto the said John Symonds my Nephew All those Arerages of a c'taine Rent Charge of Twentie pounds p^{r} Ann granted unto mee by my Father out of all his Lands in Yeldham by his deede bearing date 23° die Martij Anno R' Jacobi Angliæ

ye 17º and are behinde unpaide from the death of my Father (I being unwilling to burden my Brother who inherited those lands or his Sonne succeeding him unless thereunto urged by necessitous want.) Item I give & bequeath unto my saide Nephew Mr John Symonds the Seale Ring of Armes which I received of my Fathers gift & which he in his life tyme used to weare, And also all my Bookes, Together with all other my goods & chattells (excepting only such as are or shall be by this my Will otherwise given appointed & bequeathed) All which my saide lands goods & chattells before menconed I give unto my saide beloved Nephew in trust & confidence that with the profits raysed out therof he will faithfully & fully pay & discharge all my detts, & duely prforme & pay all such legacies as are in this my Will bequeathed. Item I give unto the forenamed Samuel Symonds & Fitz Symonds Sonnes of my Brother John Symonds One hundred pounds a piece; Moreover I give to the saide Fitz Symonds my Seale Ring of Armes which I used to weare. Item I give unto my Neece Wolmer daughter of my said Brother John Symonds Twentie pounds (Not doubting but that my Executor (who beareth a singular love & affection to her his sister) will exhibite unto her to the value of five pounds yearely during her naturall life, in such manner & way as shall be most convenient, wherefore my Will & meaning is that he shall not be injoyned, or any wayes compelled thereunto, but that it shall be left wholly to his Love prudence & discretion.) Item I give unto my saide Neeces daughter Elizabeth the wife of Mr Martine

Carter five pounds. Item I give unto Thomasine the wife of Mr John Pepyes five pounds. Item I give unto Ann daughter of my Brother Edward Symonds & wife of Mr Wright five pounds. Item I give to Helen Bacon my deceased Neeces daughter five pounds. Item I give Ten pounds to be imployed by my Executor in the purchase of a Jewell for his wife as a token of my Love unto her. Item I give to Mr William Adderley the elder my kinsman, To Mr John Pepyes my kinsman, To Mr Wright my kinsman, To Mr Martin Carter my kinsman, To Mr Thomas Symonds the elder of Farnham, To Mr John Brookes Minister of Yeldham, every of them a Gold Ring of the value of Twentie shillings in token of my Love to them. From my experience of the Reverend Mr John Brook, I do augment his Legacie, and to him I doe bequeath five pounds. Item I give to each of the Meniall Servants of my foresaide Nephew Mr John Symonds remaining in his service at the tyme of my death Ten shillings a piece.

R. Fitz Symonds.

Sealed subscribed published & declared to be the last Will & Testament of the saide Richard Fitz Symonds in the prsence of Samuel Plume. Tho. Plume. John Brooke. Robert Purkis. Thomas Haggard. Ezekiel Allin.

Proved at Chelmsford 11 January 1681.

JOHN SYMONDS.

In the Name of God Amen I John Symonds of Yeldham in the County of Essex Esquire being of good disposing minde and memory and considering my mortality doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills.

First I Comend my Soul into the hands of my Great Creator hoping for life and pardon through the merits of my blessed Saviour. I dispose of my temporall Estate as followeth.

First I confirm the Jointure which I have made to my dear wife unto my dear wife and in addition thereunto and for her more comfortable subsistance after my death I give to her my Mansion house called the Poole with all the Outhouses Orchards gardens and grounds thereunto belonging both free and Copy togeather with my house and lands called Lancasters and all their appurtennes in the occupacon of Moses Hurrell scituate in Yeldham Castle Hedingham and Topesfield To hold to her and her Assignes during her naturall life if she shall so long continue sole and unmarried with this Trust in her reposed That she shall not fell any Timber there growing or the bodies of any trees there but such as from time to time shall be decayed and dead Except for the necessery repairs of the houses aforesaid and of the gates stiles and Fences thereto belonging and with this further Trust that she shall keepe and maintaine all the houses and fences thereon in good and sufficient repair whiles she enjoyeth them. And the said additionall Jointure is made in recompence of a

small parcell of Land called Finchingfield crofts of the yearly value of Fifty shillings which were part of her jointure and by me sold divers years since.

Item I give my Mannors of Panfield Hall and Nichols scituate in Panfield and Shalford in the County of Essex with all the Outhouses Royalties and grounds thereunto belonging and all and every of their and either of their appurtenĉs And all other my Messuages Cottages Lands and tenements in Panfield and Shalford aforesaid unto my kinsman Mr Martin Carter and his heirs and Assignes for ever.

Item I give after my Wifes decease my Messuage and Farm called Kings scituate in Great Bardfield little Bardfield with all the houses and grounds thereunto belonging unto him the said Martin Carter and his Heirs forever.

Item I give my lands and grounds called Rookwoods scituate in Saling magna unto him the said Martin Carter and his heirs upon this Condiĉon that he or they doe pay or cause to be paid unto my Neece Elizabeth Pepys or her Assignes all such moneys as are due to her by bond or otherwise by Martin Carter deceased Father of the said Martin with due interest for the same within one year next after my decease And in case of failure therein then I give the said Lands called Rookwoods with their appurtenĉs to my said Neece Elizabeth Pepys and her Heirs for ever.

I give also the Reverĉon of all my Messuages Houses Lands and Tenements scituate and being in Hornchurch and Rumford

in the county of Essex after my wifes decease unto the said Martin Carter and his Heires for ever.

Item I give all those Lands and Tenements which are lying in Cottenham Willingham and Rampton in the county of Cambridge which I hold as Tennant by Elegit and all the interest which I have therein to such persons and to such uses and under such Trusts as the same are devised and limitted by the last Will and Testament of Martin Carter deceased late of Felsted.

Item I give after my Wifes decease the Reverc̃on of my Mansion house called the Poole scituate in Yeldham aforesaid and of all the outhouses orchards gardens Lands grounds and appurtenc̃s thereunto belonging and of the Messuage Outhouses and grounds called Lancasters in the occupac̃on of Moses Hurrell aforesaid and of all that my Mannor of Gunces with all the Houses lands and grounds thereunto belonging both free and Copy lying and being in Great Yeldham Toppesfield and Stamborne in the severall occupac̃ons of John Page and John Ashby and of all that Farm called Beverleys with the grounds and appurtenc̃s therewith demised unto the said John Ashby And of all that peece of Meadow and pasture called Keney lying in Yeldham and in my own occupac̃on containing by estimac̃on about six acres unto my Nephew Mr John Pepys of Cambridge and his Heires forever.

Item I give my Tenement called Spiltimbers with the yards Orchards Smiths Forge and Shopp thereto belonging and the Croft called Spiltimber Croft And the house and outhouses in the

Tenure of Thomas Wragg, My Cottage in which Martha Annable now dwelleth with the yard and Orchard thereto belonging and my Meadow called Goose Meadow with their appurtenĉs, My Messuage or Inn called White Hart in John Seamans occupacõn and the Hopground adjoining, and Slipe meadow Pulden and Gravell pitt field in his tenure And all that Messuage and Shopp wherein Robert Walford dwelleth with the yards and appurtenĉs thereunto belonging all which are scituate in great Yeldham and Toppesfield aforesaid or one of them And all that Messuage with the severall closes of ground thereto belonging in the tenure of John Syday And that Messuage called Fullers with the Outhouses Fields and grounds thereto belonging both which last mentioned are scituate in Toppesfield aforesaid and the Cottage in the occupacõn of Nathaniel Sheldrake with the appurtenĉs in Yeldham unto my sister Thomasin Pepys for and during the term of her naturall life and after her decease unto my said Nephew John Pepys and his Heires forever.

Item I give my Mannors of Spaine and Butlers with all the Royalties Houses and grounds thereto belonging with their appurtenĉs unto my said Nephew John Pepys and his Heirs forever.

Item I give to my said sister Pepys my Lease of the Messuage called Hoses in Toppesfield with the Outhouses and grounds therewith demised by me unto Thomas Cracherode gent for the wholeTerm which I have in it if she soe long live and after her death to my said Nephew John Pepys and his Assignes.

Item I give my Farm called Weldens in Steple Bumpsted wth

all the houses grounds and lands thereunto belonging unto my Nephew Thomas Pepys and his Heires forever.

I give unto my Neeces Anne Whaples and Elizabeth Pepys to each of them one Hundred pounds To Ellen Bacon my Neece Fifty Pounds To each of the children of Martin Carter deceased (except the two eldest sons) Fifty pounds To my sister Mrs Judeth Burgoyne Forty pounds To my Nephew and Godson Mark Guyon Ten pounds To my Neece Jane Guyon Ten pounds To my Nephews Roger and Lucy Burgoyne sons of Sr John Burgoyne Baronet Ten pounds a peece. To the poor of great Yeldham Five pounds. To the poor of Castle Hedingham Three pounds. To the poor of Toppesfield Three pounds. To Mr John Brooke our worthy Minister Five pounds and in case he preach my Funerall sermon Five pounds more. To each of my servants Forty shillings a peece Except Mr Pagit to whome I give Ten pounds.

Item I give to my dear wife the use of all my houshold goods for and during the term of her naturall life if she soe long continue sole and unmarried with this trust in her reposed that she will use them kindly and not abuse them. I give unto her also her Necklace of Pearls her Diamond Jewels all her Rings and wearing ornaments her silver dressing boxes Glass and appurtenĉs, The Chest of Drawers which was of Sr John Burgoynes gift, The Chest of Drawers standing at the Clossett Door All the Plate which hath been at any time given to her by any of her Friends and relations and my Coach and Coach horses and all the Wood in my Woodyard and the Hay and Stover in my Out-

houses to be disposed of by her at her Will and pleasure And it is my minde and will that if any of my Copyhold Lands shall happen to be unsurrendred at the time of my death to such uses as shall be declared in this my Will That the same shall be taken upp by my next Heire at Law and surrendred to such person and persons at their respective charge and to such uses and for such Estates as the Inheritance or other Estate of the Freehold Lands contiguous thereunto already are or shall be hereby respectively limited by me.

Item I give Two Hundred pounds to be laid out in the purchase of Lands and tenements for and towards the maintenance of a Schoolmaster and of a School in the Schoolhouse of Yeldham Magna forever the same to be paid into the Hands of Mr John Brooke Rector of Yeldham aforesaid and Mr Nathaniel Plum of the same or reserved in the hands of my Executor John Pepys untill such purchase can be had and made and to be settled upon Trustees by them or the major part of them to be appointed and their heires with all convenient speed in Trust to take and dispose the yearly profits thereof to the use aforesaid forever.

Item I give my Library of Bookes (Except the Books to be chosen out of the same by my wife proper for her reading which when chosen I give to her and except those Five books entituled Sinopsis Criticorum etc which I give to the Hono^ble^ Society of Lincolnes Inne of which I am a Member to be kept in the Library there for the use of that Society) unto my said Nephew John Pepys to his own use.

Lastly I doe constitute and ordain my Dear Wife Jane Symonds and my said Sister Thomazine Pepys and my said Nephew John Pepys the executors of this my Will trusting they will pay my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences and to them I give all the residue of my personall Estate But my Will is that my Houshold goods shall be inventoried and appraised and remain in my house aforesaid for the use of such person as shall be the reverc̃oner of the Poole after my wifes decease and are not intended to come to them as Residuary Legatees unless my personall Estate shall not suffice without them to discharge my debts and Legacies.

In witness whereof to this my Will contained in three sheets of paper I have set my hand and seal the Twentieth day of March in the Fourth year of the reign of our Soveraign Lord and Lady William [and Mary] King and Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Annoq^{u} Dñi 1691.

Jo. Symonds.

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last Will of the Testator herein before named in the presence of Jo: Pagett, Tho: Greene, John Baldock.

Instead of the Two hundred pounds given towards a Schoolmasters maintenance I give to my Executors and their Heires the Farm I lately bought of Thomas Sewell lying in Halsted for such intent as I gave the said Money.

I give to my Cousen William * Symonds of Ipswich in New England One Hundred pounds To Mr Fisk Forty shillings, and to my cosen John Carter and his heires all my Copyhold Lands and Tenements lying and being in Farnham in this County [to the poor] of Castle Hedingham three pounds to the poor of Toppesfield three pounds to Mr John Brooke our worthy Minister Five pounds and in case he preach my Funerall sermon Five pounds more. To each of my servants Forty shillings a peece except Mr Pagett to whome I give Ten pounds.

Item I give to my dear wife the use of all my houshold goods for and during the term of her naturall life if she soe long continue sole and unmarried with this Trust in her reposed that she will use them kindly and not abuse them I give to her also her Necklace of Pearles her Diamond Jewels all her Rings and wearing Ornaments her silver Dressing boxes Glass and appurtenĉs which was of Sr John Burgoynes gift The Chest of Drawers standing at her Closet door All the Plate which hath been at any time given to her and me by any of her Friends and Relacõns my Coach and Coachhorses All the Wood in my Woodyard and Cole All the hay and stover in my Outhouses and Fifty pounds in money to be disposed of at her Will and pleasure And it is my minde that if any of my Copyhold Lands shall happen to be unsurrendred at the time of my death to such uses as shall be declared in this my Will That the same

* At this time Harlakenden Symonds was the only living nephew in New England.

shall be taken upp by my next Heir at Law and surrendred to the use of such person and persons at their respective charge and to such use and uses and for such Estates as the Inheritance or other Estate of the Freehold Lands lying contiguous thereunto already are or shall be hereby respectively limited by me.

Item I give the Messuage and all the Outhouses lands grounds and appurtenĉs thereto belonging scituate in Halsted now in the tenure and occupacõn of Thomas Sewell and his Under tenãnt and lately bought of the said Sewell unto my Nephew Thomas Pepys of Felsted and to Mr John Brooke of Yeldham magna and their heirs in Trust that they shall with all convenient speed settle convey and assure the same To and upon Ten or more honest and substantial men living in the Hundred of Hinkford in Essex and to their heires in Trust that therewith and with the Rents and profits thereof and of the Messuage called Ford in the tenure of William Day scituate in Yeldham aforesaid they shall provide for the perpetuall maintenance of a Schoolmaster in Great Yeldham for the educating and instructing of youth for ever.

Item I give to my Kinsman Mr William Symonds of Ipswich in New England One Hundred pounds To Mr West my Chaplain Forty shillings To Mr John Carter and his Heires All my Copyhold Lands lying in Farnham and Albury in the Counties of Essex and Hertford.

Item I give my Library of Books (Except the books to be chosen out of the same by my Wife proper for her reading as

also her own Library of Books which I give to my said wife) unto my Nephew John Pepys to his own use I doe also except out of them those five books entituled Sinopsis Criticorum etc. which I give to the Hono^ble^ Society of Lincolnes Inne of which I am a Member to be kept in the Library there for the use of that Society.

Lastly I doe constitute and ordain my dear wife Jane Symonds, My Sister Thomazine Pepys and my said Nephew John Pepys the Executors of this my Will, trusting that they will pay my debts Legacies and Funerall Charges And to them I give the residue of my personall Estate But my Will is that my Houshold Goods shall be inventoried and appraised and remain in my house aforesaid for the use of such ꝑson as shall be the Reverc̃oner of the Poole after my wifes decease, and are not intended to come to my said Executors as residuary Legatees unless my personall Estate shall not suffice without them to discharge my debts and Legacies.

In witness whereof to this my Will contained in three sheets of paper I have set my hand and seale the sixteenth day of February in the Fifth year of the reign of our Soveraign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary Annoq^u^ Dn̄i 1692.

Jo: Symonds.

Published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of

Proved at London 31 May 1693.

FAMILY OF SYMONDS IN NEW ENGLAND.

SAMUEL[8] SYMONDS, founder of the family in America, fourth son of Richard of Great Yeldham, Essex, was born in that parish in 1595, and baptized 9 June of that year. He was a Cursitor in Chancery, and married at Great Yeldham, 2 April, 1617, Dorothy, eldest daughter of Thomas Harlakenden, of Earl's Colne, Essex, where she was baptized 12 December, 1596. He owned the estate of Olivers in Toppesfield, next parish to Great Yeldham, and lived there twenty years. They had twelve children born at Toppesfield, four of whom died there young. His wife was buried there 3 August, 1636.

In the next year he moved to New England, and settled at Ipswich, and was made Freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts in March, 1638, without the

title of Mr., to which he certainly had good claim. Before this, he had married Martha, daughter of Edmund Read of Wickford in Essex, widow of Daniel Epes, step-daughter of Rev. Hugh Peter, and sister of the second wife of John Winthrop, Jr. Among the Winthrop Papers, printed by the Massachusetts Historical Society (Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VII.), is a letter from Samuel Symonds, written probably from Boston to his brother-in-law Winthrop at Ipswich, containing most particular directions about a house, of which the latter was superintending the building. I shall not reprint the letter here, but it is interesting as giving perhaps the fullest contemporary description known of such a house as was at this early date built by one of the richer settlers in New England. The letter is unfortunately not dated. In it Symonds says, "my wife her tyme draweth very near," and mentions his daughter as at Ipswich, probably on a visit, unless he means his step-daughter Elizabeth Epes, who seems to have lived with John Winthrop, Jr. In another letter, apparently dated 14 December, 1637, Symonds says, "I resolved to take the oportunity of my father's barke, now at Boston, to send certaine necessarie things by it, as far as Salem, that

soe by some meanes or other, they may be gotten to Argilla," his farm at Ipswich.

He was sent Deputy from Ipswich to the General Court of 2 May, 1638, and the same year was appointed, with Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Hubbard, to join the Magistrates in keeping the County Court at Ipswich. The latter duty he also discharged the three following years, and in 1640 was chosen to record all mortgages, bargains, sales and grants of houses, lands, rents, and other hereditaments within the jurisdiction of Ipswich Court. The first volume of these records, now at Salem, is almost wholly written in his beautiful round hand, as are also the town records of Ipswich for a few years between 1639 and 1645. We shall find that he was constantly employed in this colony in duties, for which his professional education and experience in England particularly fitted him. He was one of six gentlemen, appointed 9 October, 1641, to keep Court at Pascataquack, then decided to be within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. In 1642 he was one of a committee of the General Court "to consider whether in tryall of causes to retaine or dismise juries." He was a Deputy to most of the General Courts before 10 May,

1643, when he was "chosen an Assistant, & tooke his oathe." He was a Selectman of Ipswich in 1644 and a few other years, and was a member of the committee of the town "for makeinge of a Rule for settleinge of mens ꝑprieties in respect of the variacon from the Grants." His duties as a Colonial Magistrate seem to have interfered to prevent him from holding offices of honor in the town, and his name is not often found on the records of the latter.

In 1644 he was on a committee with Bellingham and Saltonstall with "full power to heare & determine all businesses at Hampton, both about their differences, offences, & a new plantation," and the same year was again appointed to keep a Court at Pascataqua, as also in 1645, when it is called Dover. In this year he was put in Bellingham's place on the committee for Essex County to meet on 12 November, "to consult together, & to returne to this Co^rt a result of their thoughts, that this Co^rte may ꝑceede thereupon to satisfy ye expectation of the country in establishing a body of lawes." He also appears as one of seven gentlemen who petitioned the General Court to be established a free company of adventurers, with extensive privileges, which was granted.

In 1648 he was one of the committee "to ꝑuse the articles of o^r confederation wth the United Colonies," with instructions as to its duty and powers. Next year he was appointed to keep Courts for Norfolk County at Salisbury and Hampton; and also in 1651, in which year he was chosen by the inhabitants of Ipswich as one of the Feoffees of the Grammar School of that town, founded by Robert Payne, and held the office till his death. 23 October, 1652, the General Court issued a commission to him as one of six gentlemen, "to setle the civil government amongst the inhabitants of Kittery, the Ile of Shoales, Accomenticus, and so to the most northerly extent of our patent," charging them with various duties to be performed, "as in your wisdomes and discretions yow shall judge most to conduce to the glory of God, the peace and welfare of the people there, and the maintenance of our oune just rights and interest." The return of the commissioners may be read at full length in the fourth volume of the Records of Massachusetts. In 1653 he was chairman of a committee "to joyne with such of the comissioners for the United Colonies as they shall please to nominate, to draw up the case respecting the Dutch and In-

deans," and of another to consider "whither the comissioners of the United Collonies have power, by the artickles of agreement, to determine the justice of an offencive or vindictive warre, and to ingage the collonies therein," which was decided in the negative.

In 1654 he was chairman of an important committee of three, "to examine, compare, reconcile, and place together, in good order, all former lawes, both printed and written, and make fitt titles and tables for ready recourse to any particular conteined in them, and to present the same unto the next Court of Elecc̃on, to be considered of, that so order may be taken for the printing of them together in one booke, whereby they be more usefull then now they are or cann be." This year he was also on a committee "to drawe up severall letters, to his highnes the Lord Protectors letter, ye letter for ye gent^m of ye corporation, & Mr Winslows, as also to drawe up a narrative, in way of remonstrance, of all matters respecting that which is charged on this Court concerning the breach of the confœderacy, for the vindication of this Courts actiones in such respect." About the same time he appears as buying from George Dell, master of the ship Goodfellow, "two of the Irish youthes brought

over by order of the State of England: the name of one of them is William Dalton the other Edward Welch — sum six & twenty pounds in corn merchantable or live cattell at or before the end of October next." There seems to be some doubt about the names of these unfortunate men, as they are afterwards called William Downing and Philip Welch. Mr. Symonds was obliged to bring an action to enforce his authority and ownership, and his declaration in the case may be seen in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register for 1865.

In 1655 he was appointed to keep Courts at Dover and York, and to take under the government of Massachusetts "all persons not yet subjected to this government that are inhabiting wthin the northerly line of our patent, so farr as it is extended," and also to keep the Courts in Norfolk. In 1658, in consequence of disorders in the eastern parts, he was one of the commissioners appointed "to repaire to Black Point, Richmonds Island, & Casco, . . . to take in the inhabitants thereof into our jurisdiction." The return of the commissioners is printed in the fourth volume of the Records of Massachusetts. In the

previous year, 1657, as Justice of the County Court of Essex, he gave judgment in the case of George Giddings, plaintiff, against Edward Browne, defendant. The documents relating to this case occupy more than twenty pages in Hutchinson's Collection of Original Papers. The clergymen in New England being usually supported by voluntary contributions, the town of Ipswich, in 1656, voted to give £100 towards building or buying a house for Rev. Mr. Cobbet, and the question was whether this vote was binding on those who objected to it and refused to pay. The selectmen of Ipswich ordered the marshal, Edward Browne, to distrain on such as refused, and this action of trespass upon the case was brought by one of those, whose houses he had entered for that purpose. The judge, Symonds, found for the plaintiff, and expressed at some length the grounds of his judgment. His opinion is too long to be quoted here, and all the documents are curious and well worth reading. Appeal was taken from the decision, and the whole matter was finally referred to the General Court, which decided in favor of the vote of the town as binding, thus reversing the judgment of Mr. Symonds.

In June, 1661, he was a member of an important committee of prominent men, appointed "to consider & debate such matter or thing of publicke concernment touching our pattent, lawes, priviledges, & duty to his maj^{ty} as they in theire wisdome shall judge most expedient, & drawe up the result of theire app^{r}hensõns, & present the same to the next session for consideration & approbation, that so (if the will of God be) wee may speake & act the same thing, becomeing prudent, honest, conscientious, & faithfull men." He was this year ordered to keep Courts at Hampton and Salisbury; in 1663, was ordered to keep the next County Court for Suffolk, and in 1664 again in Norfolk.

Among the Winthrop Papers, in the volume before named, is a letter from Symonds to his brother-in-law Winthrop, written in 1662, in which is the following interesting and touching passage: —

"I have still one brother living. He hath a good estate; he is a batchellour. When I was in England he loved me well. I know not now, how I am in his minde; * but brother, if you did make a journy to see him, & (as occasion may be taken)

* This was Richard Fitz Symonds, who by will left his brother Samuel one hundred pounds.

to speake of me, as you shall see good, I shall add this courtecy to the heap of your former high deservings. The rest of my cosens are (I take it) well provided for. I am loath to be as one utterly forgotten by one soe related (if God see meet). But I confesse it is a tender stringe, & he hath need of wisdome that can finger it well. He dwelleth at the Poole in Much Yeldham, neare Castle Heningham in Essex, about six miles from Erls Colne, where my kinrid of the Harlakindens live, which if alsoe you please to vizitt, kindly commending me to them all & every one of them, it wilbe very gratfull."

From the same letter we learn that his second wife was living in the early part of 1662, but was "very crazy"; she certainly died during that year, and in April, or May, 1663, he married Rebecca, widow, first of Henry Byley, secondly of John Hall, and thirdly of Rev. William Worcester. Her parentage was long a matter of doubt, but she is now plainly identified as daughter of Bennett Swayne, of Salisbury, England. She survived her fourth husband, and died 21 July, 1695, aged 78.

In 1665 he was chairman of a committee "to give answer to Secretary Morrise his letter, & to consider what is further necessary to be donne in refference to what hath past betweene the honorable comissioners

& this Court as it relates to England." The same year he and Thomas Danforth were ordered to repair to York, to keep a County Court, and to appoint civil and military officers and commissioners. In 1668 he was appointed to keep County Courts in Norfolk, and in 1672 in Yorkshire. 7 May, 1673, he was chosen Deputy Governor, in succession to Leverett elected Governor. His services certainly deserved this compliment, a barren one, it must be confessed, to a man of 78 years. In this year he was chairman of a committee to consider of these three questions: — "1 Q. Whither according to pattent there be a negative vote in any part of the Generall Court; if there be, then in what cases. Secondly. How farr our possitive lawes doe in this matter agree wth or disagree from the patent. 3 Q. Where the use of the negative voat causeth an obstruction in any matter of necessity to be concluded or of great moment to the publick, what may be the best expedient for an issue, whither by lot or otherwise." In 1675 he was on the committee * to settle the trouble in Salem Church between

* I have a copy of the return to the General Court, in an unknown hand, but indorsed, "This is a true copy according to the originall left with me by ye committee under their own hands. Attested by JOHN HIGGINSON, senior."

Rev. Messrs. Higginson and Nicholet; and the same year, on account of the Indian war, obtained a guard of two men for his house, which was "so remoate from neighbours, & he so much necessitated to be on the countrys service."

In the records of the General Court for October, 1678, we read, "The Court judgeth it matter of incumbancy to take care for an honno^r^ble & decent interment of ye late Deputy Gov'no^r^, & doe hereby order, that the country Treasurer forthwith deliver the sum of twenty pounds, in money or such other pay as may be necessary for such an end, to Mr Daniel Epps, Senio^r^, to be as an addition to what shallbe expended by his relations on that account." The exact day of his death is not known. It is on record among the papers at the State House, Boston, that he died on 13 October; John Hull's Diary says, "Oct. 12. Samuel Symonds, Esq., the Deputy-Governor, died in Boston, the General Court sitting," while the following entry is found in an interleaved almanac of Samuel Sewall, "1678. 8, 11, Samuel Symonds Esq. Dep. Gov. buried."

The Rev. Dr. Felt thus writes of him in the "HISTORY OF IPSWICH, ESSEX, AND HAMILTON": —

"Who, that reviews the different and multiplied duties of Mr. Symonds, and the devoted and patriotic spirit, with which he discharged them, can truly deny that he merited the full, repeated, important, and long confidence placed in him by the public authorities? Nor was he less honored in the private walks of life. Whatever he undertook, whether business of town, county, colony, or country, he did not leave it, till he had expended upon it all the time, attention, and exertion which he ought. His politics, principles, and practices, were not swayed by corrupt ambition, but were deeply seasoned by the salt of piety, which induced him to seek first for the approbation of God, and then, as a consequence, to act for the best good of those, whose interests were committed to his care. The circle of his benevolence, his motives, and conduct, was not merely confined to the civilized, but also extended to the heathen, to whom he was an instrument of sending the Gospel more fully than it had been. His was a mind which looked at earthly concerns in the light of Revelation. His was a soul affected and moved more by eternal realities than by things temporal. His was a life which took hold on judgment, and secured the blessedness of justification through the Redeemer."

I will only add that he seems to me to have possessed that combination of true religious feeling with great firmness, not to say obstinacy, which was so much needed in the founding and early days of this

colony, and which was so perfectly in place, and fully in agreement, with the men, among whom he found himself in Massachusetts.

I quote from his letters various passages illustrating his character. 1637, to John Winthrop, Jr., at Ipswich: —

"I heare that your Church hath setled the choyce of your ministers in their offices, & that now things are likely to goe on very well & comfortablely, which ministers matter of great joy to all that love Jesus Christ. And truely the peace of any Church (because pretious) is soe difficult to preserve, in respect of the subtilty & mallice of the common enymy, that it requires answerable cautelousnes on all hands, every one waighing well that one sentence of the Apostle, Let every one esteeme an other better then him selfe, & studdy the vally-way to rise to true honour."

1647, to Governor John Winthrop: —

"Troubles and difficulties we must looke for (if we will reere a building to the Lord) but the encouragement exceeds when we consider the worke is his. . . . The scope of what I would expresse is, to observe Gods providences in mans motions at this tyme seeme plainly to tend to settle his people here, and to recover new English spirit for Christs kingdome againe. . . . Is not government in church and common weale (according to

Gods owne rules) that new heaven and earth promised, in the fullnes accomplished when the Jewes come in, and the first fruites begun in this part New England, though neglected by many and opposed by some? Now to name what seemes to be Gods ende in bringing his people hether, whatever more there may be which tyme may yet discover. 1. To be an occasion to stirre up the zeale of the two nations to sett upon reformation of religion, and that with good successe. 2. To have liberty and power to sett up Gods owne ordinances in church government, and thereby to hold forth matter of conviction to the episcopacy and others that this way of church government and civill government may stand together. 3. To exercise the graces of the richer sort in a more mixt condition, they shall have the liberty of good government in their hands, yet with the abatement of their outward estates. And that the poorer sort (held under in England) should have inlargement. 4. To afford a hiding place for some of his people that stood for the truth while the nation was exercised unto blood. 5. To have an opportunity to trayne up a godly skillfull soldiery, which shortly may be imployed against that blasphemous citty. And to these may be added (at least a sprinkling) of godly seamen, formerly rare in the world. 6. To make this place a rendezvous for our deare English friends when they shall make their voyages to the West Indies, to dry up that Euphrates. 7. To be hopefull instruments in Gods hand to gaine these Indians to Christs kingdome. Which mercy if attained in any considerable measure

will make us goe singing to our graves. . . . Sir, its conceived this place will prove either very honourable or very meene and contemptable, according as religion is attended or neglected."

1654, to John Winthrop, Jr., on the death of a child of the latter: —

"If I were present with you & my sister, in these two things I should endeavour; first, to help support your spirits under such a stroke, then to cast which way may be best for spirituall improvement. For the first, it tends to support to consider who it is that hath done it: he that is bound to give noe account of his matters: & not too much to pore upon this, or that, which might have prevented, as its likly you are apt to conceive; and secondly, that you therewith labour to apply that generall soule comforting promise, viz: All things shall worke together for the good of them that love God. And for spirituall improvement, such providences may well minde us of the uncertainty of all earthly enjoyments, therefore to put us on the move to obtayne assurance of such as are both full & lasting. When, through spetiall grace, the heart, seeing the emptines of the creature, rests in the fullnes that is in Jesus Christ, it is in spirituall health. Health you know is sweet, though the pill that procureth it be bitter. I might add, you have many children still; count you have none, give them all to the Lord; & then shall you be sure to have them againe with advantage."

1662, to John Winthrop, Jr., at London: —

"I heare what a dangerous passage you had; it may put us in minde of the extreame difficulties & hassards doe attende our pilgrimage to that heavenly country. We had need labor with all our might, to get a sure & safe arrivall at that haven."

Samuel Symonds left a good property, consisting principally of real estate, of which he had bought, and received by grant, from the town of Ipswich and the General Court, a very large amount. The following is on record at Salem in the first volume of Ipswich Deeds, written in his own clear hand: —

Granted by the freemen of the Towne of Ipswich to Samuel Symonds of Ipswich in New England Gent a farme of five hundred acres of ground vpland & meadowe pporconable Anno Dñi 1637: which farme was laid out accordingly: It is since called Ollivers; * The said farme (at the day of the Date of this & other Coppies following) is thus bounded viz: that end thereof towards the North-east abutteth vpon the now comon ground of the Towne of Ipswich beyonde part of the west meadowes: that part thereof towards the south-east abutteth vpon certayne ground of mr William Payne that end thereof

* It was so named after his estate at Toppesfield, England; and the town of Topsfield, Mass., probably received its name at his suggestion, or in compliment to him.

towards south west abutteth vpon a little Brooke called Pye Brooke that side thereof towards the North west abutteth partly vpon the ground of Thomas Dorman parly vpon comon ground & ptly vpon the farme now or late of mr John Winthrope the yonger To have & to hold the said five hundred acres of ground with the apprtnnces to him the said Samuel Symonds his heires & assignes for ever./

Item granted as aforesaid vnto the said Samuel Symonds & at the time aforesaid a planting Lott of six acres of ground, which planting Lott was laid out, and abutteth vpon the south-west end of mr Richard Saltonstalls meadowe lying neare a Creeke called Labour in vayne Creek according to marked trees betweene mr Saltonstalls said meadow & the said six acre Lott, the North-end of the said planting lott abutteth vpon the ground of mr Nathaniel Rogers Pastor of the Church of Ipswich from a marked tree neare the cornr of mr Saltonstalls said meadowe all a longe the middle of the said Swampe to the marked tree which is the corner tree vpon Argilla farme-line runninge thence to a little meadowe of the said mr Rogers the rest of the said Lott abutteth partly vpon a ꝑcell of ground granted to mr John winthrop the yonger in consideracon of a high-way taken out of his then farme now the farme & ground of the said Samuel Symonds called Argilla & partly vpon other grounds of the said farme./

Item Granted as aforesaid to the said Samuel Symonds all that ꝑcell of ground both marsh & vpland lying at the hethermost side of Saggamore hill not exceeding forty acres (which

proveth in quantity much vnder forty acres) and the said ground abutteth as followeth viz: that side thereof towards the west abutteth vpon the land nowe of Thomas Bishop, part vpon the land of Thomas wells part vpon the land of Mathias Button & part vpon the marsh ground of the widdow Lumpkyn and the rest vpon the marshes belonging to Castle-hill & the marshes belonging to the other hills called the Ilands now the lands of the said Samuel Symonds./

Item the said Samuel Symonds is possessed of a farme called Argilla contayning by estimacõn three hundred & Twenty acres (with the addicõns aforesaid) be it more or lesse, as it is now geñally fenced round; and it lyeth vpon & beyonde the Creek called Labour in vayne Creeke towards the south in a place formly called Chebaccoe; which farme was granted by the freemen of the Towne of Ipswich (divers yeares since) to John winthrop the yonger, Esqr. To have & to hold the p̃misses with the ap^r^ptnñcs to him the said John winthrop his heires & assignes for ever: which said farme the said John winthrop sould to the said Samuel Symonds by his deede bearing date the eight day of 12th month Anno Dñi 1637./

Item the said Samuel Symonds is possessed of a ꝑcell of ground contayning by estimacõn one acre & a halfe be it more or lesse abutting on the east side thereof vpon the lower end of m^r^ William Hubbards Close before his Towne-howse & the rest of the said ꝑcell of ground is surrounded with high-wayes which said ꝑcell of ground was part of m^r^ John winthrops six acre

Lott there which the freemen of the Towne of Ipswich granted to him; and which said ꝑcell of ground the said John winthrop hath granted to the said Samuel Symonds by his Deed bearing Date 24 of October Anno Dñi 1638./

Item the said Samuel Symonds is possessed of a Towne-howse & howse-Lott contayning by estimac̃on three acres be it more or lesse which howse-lott on the North side thereof abutteth vpon the meeting-howse greene vpon the North east end thereof it abutteth vpon the howse lott of william white vpon the south east side thereof it abutteth vpon Ipswich River & william ffullers Lott and vpon the south west end thereof it abutteth vpon the highway leading to the meeting-howse which howse lott first mentioned the Towne of Ipswich viz: the freemen thereof granted to Henry Sewall the elder gent to have & to hold the same with the appʳtnñcs to him the said Henry Sewall his heires & assignes for ever. which said howse-Lott the said Henry Sewall sould with the appʳtnñcs to the said Samuel Symonds by his Deed bearing Date the sixt day of the first month Anno Dñi 1637.*

The Date of giving out these coppies is the xvith day of December Anno Dñi 1645./

by vs selected herevnto according to order of Court./

RICHARD SALTONSTALL THOMAS ROWLINGSON. Constable./
DANIEL DENISON JOHN GAGE Lott-layer./
SAMUELL APPLETON./

* I feel sure that this is a mistake for 1638.

10 December, 1642, the town of Ipswich passed this vote: —

"Granted to m^r Samuel Symonds that his farme consisting of 500 acres of ground which lyeth towards the west side of the Towne (& is Comonly called Ollivers) shall or may (for the prop use of the farme) be constantly supplied with Timber & fire wood, off the Comons. To injoye to him his heires & Assignes."

On 1 January, 1645, he bought of his brother-in-law Winthrop the estate called Castle-Hill, which the town of Ipswich had granted to Winthrop in 1636. Symonds had to prove his title at a trial in 1647, and the trouble he had is told in a letter to Winthrop, printed by the Massachusetts Historical Society in the volume before quoted. The General Court of Massachusetts made him many large grants of land, as follows: 1648, five hundred acres of land in the Pequot country. 1651, three hundred acres "beyond the River of Merremacke, . . . with free liberty for timber, provided he sett up a sawe mille there w^th^in the space of seven yeeres." 1653, five hundred acres, in reference to his "service donne for the countrie at Yorke, Kittery, &c." 1657, he was allowed to take three hundred acres on this side of the Connecticut River in

exchange for part of his former grants. 1658, in right of these grants he took possession of six hundred and forty acres on Lamper Eele River, between Dover and Exeter. 1659, he is desired to take land in some other place instead of on the Connecticut, as before granted, but the same year he was granted one hundred and sixty acres on that river above Northampton. 1659, he was also granted any island in Casco Bay not exceeding five hundred acres, as a recompense for services done. 1660, in consideration of the resignation of his three hundred acres on the Connecticut, he was granted one hundred in another part, additional, probably, to the one hundred and sixty. 1661, he was allowed to change the grants of an island of five hundred acres and of one hundred and sixty acres at Northwottocke for eight hundred to be laid out in one or two places.* 1662, five hundred acres were laid out for him "in the wildernes on the north of Merrimacke River, . . . at the mouth of Concord Ryver, upon a brooke called by the Indians Pophessgosquockegg." 1664, in obedience to former

* This land had not been laid out in 1716, when Cyprian and Dorothy Whipple and Elizabeth Allyn petitioned the General Court for a Committee to lay it out, which the Court in 1717 gave them leave to do.

grants, three hundred acres were laid out for him at Assibath Plaine, between Concord and Lancaster. 1666, he was granted two hundred and fifty acres, which were laid out near the former grant on Lamperele River.

Samuel Symonds left a will with three codicils, here printed, which caused long litigation. His son William, whom he appointed executor, died intestate 22 May, 1679, when the General Court appointed Daniel Epps, Harlakenden Symonds, and Richard Martin, administrators; a final settlement of the estate was not made till 1694. The case came often before the General Court, as may be read in the fifth volume of the Records of Massachusetts. The inventory is recorded as £2103 6*s.* 10*d.* Many petitions and other papers relating to the case may be seen among the records at the State House, Boston, and at Salem; I have not thought worth while to take particular notice of them here.

Samuel Symonds had certainly these sixteen children: —

I. Richard,[9] born at Toppesfield, Essex, in 1618, was a student in Grey's Inn, and left in England by his father; I presume he died a few years later, as he is not mentioned in letters.

II. Dorothy,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1619, married, probably about 1648, Rev. Thomas Harrison, who had been in Virginia as Chaplain to the Governor, was afterwards a short time in Massachusetts, but returned to England, and, in 1653, was of St. Dunstan's in the East, London; he was afterwards of Dublin, of Chester, and again of Dublin, where he died. I think his wife was dead in 1657; certainly she died before her father.

III. Jane,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1621, living in 1634, but probably died a few years later.

IV. Anne,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1622, died there in 1634.

V. Samuel,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1623, died there the same year.

VI. Elizabeth,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1624, married at Ipswich 20 May, 1644, her step-brother Daniel Eppes, to whom she bore several children, and died 7 May, 1685; her husband died 8 January, 1693.

VII. Samuel,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1625, died unmarried at Ipswich in 1653; in his will he mentioned his brothers Harlakenden, John, William, and Samuel, and his sisters Martha, Ruth, Priscilla, and Mary Eppes.

VIII. Harlakenden,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1627, lived at Gloucester, Mass., and became Freeman of the Col-

ony 3 May, 1665; married Elizabeth Day, granddaughter, by her first husband, William Story, of Sarah, wife of Rev. John Cotton; he visited England in 1672, but returned the next year, and is thus mentioned in a letter from Samuell Epps to Fitz-John Winthrop, written at Boston 5 December, 1673. (Collections of Mass. Hist. Soc., 3d Series, Vol. X.) "Uncle Lack is come over in his own person as little varying from himself as most that have travelled the world as he hath done, hath as high an apprehension of his own prowesse valour activity, ingenuity understanding, wit and memory as any in old or New England can have of him; he saith he went out with nothing, spent 100^{lib} there, and is 100^{lib} better then when he left New England; his relations have sent him over to lay in for an heir (to bear the name of John) to possesse the inheritance." He was living at Ipswich in 1695, and died in 1697. He left an only daughter and heir Sarah,[10] born at Gloucester 2 July, 1668, who married about 1692 Thomas Low of that place. His widow died there 31 January, 1728 or 29, aged 90.

IX. John,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1628, seems to have been but little in this country, and was in England in 1653; he probably died within a few years from that date.

X. Robert,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1629, died there in 1630.

XI. William,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1632, lived some time at Wells, now in Maine, from which he was Deputy to the General Court of 3 May, 1676, and in 1677 and 1678 was one of the persons chosen to be associates with the Magistrates in keeping the County Courts for Yorkshire. Before and after this he lived at Ipswich, where he married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Wade of that town; he died there 22 May, 1679, leaving four daughters and coheirs.

I. Susanna,[10] born at Ipswich 3 January, 1669, married there 18 December, 1690, Joseph Jacob, who died in 1697.

II. Dorothy,[10] born at Ipswich 21 October, 1670, married there 19 December, 1695, Cyprian Whipple, who moved to Stonington, Connecticut, about 1708.

III. Mary,[10] born at Ipswich 6 January, 1674, married there 10 December, 1697, Joseph Whipple, who died 11 May, 1699; she died 20 June, 1703.

IV. Elizabeth,[10] born at Ipswich 20 July, 1678, married —— Allyn.

His widow died probably in 1693 or 94.

XII. Roger,[9] born at Toppesfield in 1633, died there in 1634.

By his second wife: —

XIII. Martha,[9] born probably at Ipswich, married John Denison, who died 9 January, 1671, leaving children; she married secondly Richard Martyn of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and died in February, 1684, having also had children by her second husband, who died 2 April, 1694.

XIV. Ruth,[9] born probably at Ipswich, married in 1659 Rev. John Emerson of Gloucester, who died 2 December, 1700; she died 23 February, 1702, leaving several children.

XV. Samuel,[9] born probably at Ipswich, graduated at Harvard College in 1663, and died unmarried in 1669; in his will written 18 December, 1668, being then about to make a voyage for England, he mentioned his sisters Elizabeth Epps, Martha Denison, Ruth Emerson, Mary Duncan, and Priscilla Symonds.

XVI. Priscilla,[9] born at Ipswich in 1648, being undoubtedly the child mentioned by Governor Winthrop in a letter to his son of 30 September in that year: "Your sister Symonds is delivered of a daughter;" married at Topsfield 26 March, 1672, Thomas Baker of that place, who died there 18 March, 1718; she died at Ipswich 2 January, 1734. (See p. 13.)

It is seen that Samuel Symonds had no grandsons of the family name, which of course soon became extinct in this country. It was, however, given in baptism in the families of Eppes, Low, and Baker, perhaps in others; but I cannot say how long it continued in use. The descendants of Harlakenden and William are, of course, entitled to quarter the arms of Symonds: that is, provided they have arms of their own, with which to quarter them.

WILL OF SAMUEL SYMONDS.

I SAMUEL SYMONDS of Ipswich in New England gent, being desireous by setting these things in order now in tyme of my health that I may be the more free (if god please) when death approcheth to leave this world, & to attende the matters of my soule, & the blessed hopes for life to come, doe make, & ordayne this my last will, & testament, in manner & forme following, viz: first I comend my soule into the handes of Jesus Christ my euer blessed Saviour, in hope of a joyfull resurreccon, & meeting of my body at the last day wch I leave to be decently Buried (without any vayne pompe) and my funall expences & debts to be paid, & discharged. Item my will is that all the estate of my deare wife Rebeckah Symonds, be returned to her in kinde, to her owne pp use to have & to hold the same to her, her heires & assignes for ever: viz: the lande at Salisbury, being six acres of meadow, now in the tenure of Henry Browne Sen and the seaventy acres of vpland at Salisbury new-towne, now called Amesbury.

Alsoe sixty two pounds twelve shillings of New England mony, which I received of Mr Clarke Ironmonger of Boston, whereof there is now in Mr Russells hande, as Treasurer of this country fifty pounds, and twelve pounds twelve shillings in my owne handes. Also the cattell, for numb, & kinde, with all other particulars of estate & howshould stuff, & goods, as they are exprest in a note of particulars bearing date the last day of Novemb Anno Dom 1669 vnder my hande & seale; alsoe what is impaired, or lost of the very things in the said note of particulars, are to be made good, according to her owne word & Judgment. Item I give to my wife a good breeding mare, or one of my riding horses which she shall chuse. Item I give to my wife two milch yonge cowes, Beside the three expressed in the saide note of particulars. Alsoe I give, or leave to my wife (insteade of Dower) twelve pounds p ann to be paid to her, or her assignes, out of my farme called Argilla, during her naturall life, in two severall payments viz: six pounds on the 25th day of March, & the other six pounds on the last day of Septemb yearly: this payment to be made in wheate 40s, mault foure pounds at the price current amongsts the merchants of Ipswich, and the other six pounds to be paid in porke, & indian eorne, accordingly and to be paid where she appoynt in Ipswich. Alsoe my will & meaning is that my wife shall have the sole vse of part of my dwelling howse at Argilla viz: The east end of it with free liberty of ingresse, egresse, & regresse into the said part of my howse, as alsoe the vse in comon of the

kitchin or hall, Seller, dayry, back howse, brewhowse or other places to the said howse belonging during her naturall life. Alsoe my will is that wife shall keepe or have liberty soe to doe, vpon my farme during her naturall life six neate cattell, 10 sheep, & one horse, to be ꝑvided for, all of the cattell both sum̃er & winter at the care, & charge of my executor: alsoe my wife shall com̃and attendance of the servants of my executor for her selfe & creatures, & she may as she please require horse meate, & attendants for her frends, that come to vizitt her; from tyme to tyme, at the charge of my executor. Alsoe my minde is that all the wood she please to spende shall be brought out of my farme to her dore, ready cutt out for her fire at the charge of my executor from yeare to yeare. Alsoe she shall have liberty to make vse of my Towne howse in com̃on with my children, as form̃ly. Alsoe my wife shall have liberty to keep what foules she please at my farme of Argilla. Also my wife shall have liberty to take what apples, peares & plum̃es for her vse, & to take what ground she please, for her gardan. All which liberties & priviledges she shall have during her naturall life, with free liberty of water at the well, & elswhere vpon my farme. Provided allwayse, & it is intended, that vpon my wife her acceptance of these things before menc̃oed, she shall relinquish the agreement made betweene me & her before marriage, & stande onely to this my last will & testament; moreover my will is that whatsoever rent, debts, & estate is due to me at the tyme of my death, by reason of marriag w^th

my wife Rebeckah, being due by her right in England shalbe hers, & at her owne disposing. Provided alwayse that if my wife shall chuse rather to leave Argilla, & live elswhere signifying her desire soe to Doe vnder her hande in writing, during her absence from Argilla, then she shall have her 12[li] allowed in stead of Dower made twenty pounds ꝑ annũ, to be paid in manñ & quality as in her foresaide Dower: For which eight pounds being added to her Dower she shall abate all these ꝑticulars following viz: The keeping of six neat cattell, teñ sheep, horse, attendance of the servants, requiering of horse meat for frends, bringing of wood to the dore, vseing of ground for gardening and the vse of the howses, except one roome which she shall chuse for her owne vse during her naturall life, with free ingresse, egresse, & regresse. Provided alwayse that when she thinkes meete to returne, & live at Argilla againe, she shall have liberty soe to doe, expressing her minde in writing Things shalbe as aforesaide for her more comfortable being there, and the eight pounds added to her dower aforesaid is to be abated againe. Moreover I binde my farme called Argilla for the due payments of what is in this my will exprest.

Item. I give to my sonne Harlakinden Symonds all my part of my farme at Lamꝑele River, with the sawing mill there vpon erected with all the vtenses, & app[r]tunãcs therevnto belonging, with all my part of the howses therevnto apꝑtayning. And alsoe one half of my part of the meadow, & vpland lately laid out to me, which the hon[d] gen[r]all Court latly granted to me,

lying beyond the Bounds of Dover; & mostly out of the Bounds of Exiter. And alsoe all my liberty in the landes of Dover, which I lately purchassed of Robert Wadley wth all its singular priviledges & app^{r}tunãcs. To have & to hold the p^{r}misses to him the said Harlakinden during his naturall life, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten male or female, and for want of such heires, to remayne to the said Harlakinden & his heires forever.

Item I give to my sonne Harlakinden my great silver salt seller, and my best suit of apparrell both linen, & wollen. Item I give to my grandaughter Sarah Symonds all that ꝑcell of lande lying in Coxall, which remayneth of that I had of her father it being three hundred acres be it more, or lesse.

Item I give to my sonne, & daughter Epps, one hundred pounds p[ro]mised before marriage to be paid within one yeare, or two, after my decease, and if she still desire to have the sute of damask, which was the lady Cheynies her grandmother, let her have it upon apprizment. Item wheras I ꝑmised to give my daughter Martha one hundred pounds, as a porcion vpon marriage with her husbande m^{r} John Denison, it being desired by the major & herself soe to doe, according to the bonde I entered into I doe by this my last will confirme the same. Item I give to my sonne & daughter Emerson four score pounds haveing given them 20^{li} at the least soone after her marriage to be paid within one yeare or two after my decease. Item I give to my daughter Baker, having paid my sonne Baker Thirty

pounds already Three skore & teñ pounds to be paid within one, or two yeare after my decease. Item I give to my daughter Dunkin * twenty shillings.

Item I give to my daughter Hale † twenty shillings. Item I give to my sonne Chewte ‡ Twenty shillings. Item I give to the Reverend Mr Cobbett our Pastor forty shillings. Item I give to my wives grandaughter one Cow viz: Rebeckah Stacy, because of her diligent attendance on me. Item I give to my deare wife my fether bed & boulster which we vsually lye vpon. My mind, & meaning is that the legacies here given to my children shalbe paid not in mony nor according to mony, but in such pay, as they vsually passe, from man, to man, which is called the Currant price. And I doe make, & ordayne my sonne William Symonds to be my executor of this my last will, & testament. And considering there are many payments to be made, & discharged by my executor, I doe give, & bequeath to him my said sonne William Symonds all my howses & lands in Ipswich with all my comonages, & priviledges therevnto belonging.

Item I give to my sonne William Symonds, (having ingaged to him before the writing of this my will soe much) half of my

* Peter Duncan married Mary Eppes, daughter of his second wife by a former husband.

† Rev. John Hale married Rebecca Byley, daughter of his third wife by her first husband.

‡ James Chute probably married Elizabeth Eppes, sister of Mary Duncan.

meadowe, & vpland ground, which lieth beyond my farme at lamperle River, beyond the Bounds of Dover, & mostly out of the bounds of Exiter, together with all the priviledges, & appr̃tunãcs therevnto belonging. Also my will & desire is that my loving frends, Captaine John Appleton, & Levetenant Samuel Appleton, & my sonne John Hale, to be overseers of this my last will & Testament. My request is that the advice, & counsell of my said overseers, be indeavoured to be taken about my executors arduous concernments, that soe love & concorde may continew, & be increased amongst those I leave behinde me.

In wittnesse that this is my last will & Testament, I have herevnto sett my hande & seale, the sixteenth day of February Anno Dom̃ i673./

SAMUEL SYMONDS.

Subscribed, sealed, delivered,
& published, in the pr̃sence of vs./
HENRY ARCHER
JOHN GREAUES
The ꝟ marke of
EDWARD BRAGG

A codicil testamentary to the last will & testament of Samuel Symonds gent which will beareth date the sixteeth of February Anno Dom̃ 1673.

Whereas in that my will I bequeathed to my sonne Harlakinden Symonds all my part of my farme at Lamperele River with the Sawinge Mill therevpon erected with all the vtenses & appʳtunãcs therevnto belonging, with all my part of the howses therevnto belonging, and alsoe one half of all my part of the meadow & vpland lately laid out to me which the honᵈ Genʳall Court lastly granted to me, lyinge beyonnd the Bounds of Dover & mostly beyonnd the Bounds of Exiter; and alsoe all my liberty in the lands of Dover, which I lately purchassed of Robert Wadley with all its singular priviledges & appurtinances. To have & to hold the pʳmisses to him the said Harlakinden during his naturall life, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten, male or female and for want of such heires to remayne to the saide Harlakinden & his heires for ever: Now therefore I doe hereby disanull & revoke all this my gift to my sonne Harlakinden as for terme of his naturall life and doe give him all the pʳmisses to have & to hold the same together with all & singular its appʒtunãcs to him the said Harlakinden Symonds & his heires & assignes for ever. Alsoe whereas I bequeathed in my will to my sonne Harlakin Symonds my fourth part of the sawing mill at Lampeele River with all its priviledges & appʒtunãcs the pʒvidence of god hath soe ordered it that the mill itself hath bene fired & wholly ruined by the

enymy and soe made vnprofittable for the p^r^sent; and considering that my sonne William Symonds who is my executor is in my debt for rent for my said mill more then the building & finishing the fourth part of the said mill will cost. my will is that when the rest of the owners doe rebuild & finish the saide mill that then this my fourth part soe bequeathed be alsoe carried on to the finishing of the same at the onely cost & charges of my sonne William Symonds for the onely vse of my sonne Harlakinden Symonds. Alsoe considering what lands I formerly have given to my sonne, Harlakinden, and that I highly esteeme this at Lampeele River. My advice & desire now is that he doth not sell, or putt it away, or any part of it vnlesse extreame necessity compell and that he doth what he doth in reference to the mill &c with very good advice And though I have gained very little by it, yet if he can waite, & pcure honest dealing workmen, he will finde sufficient recompence for his waiting, for there is store of timber, with that which is added to it from Dover, & the meadow &c the Court gave me vp into the country. In wittnesse whereof I have herevnto sett my hande & seale the thirteenth day of January 1676.

SAMUEL SYMONDS.

Subscribed, Sealed, delivered,
& published in the p^r^sence of vs./
WILLIAM GOODHUE Sen
the mark of
WILLIAM W. SMYTH Jun

A codicile testamentary which is added to the codicile bearing date the 13th day of february 1676, which refereth to my last will & Testament dated 16th of February 1673.

I Samuel Symonds being in good health of body & of good vnderstanding (blessed be god) thought good to add by this codicile annexed to the former bearing date as above. I say some consideracõns moving me therevnto I give to my sonne Harlakinden five pounds (in comon pay) ꝑ annũ during his naturall life, to be paide by my executor: Provided that if in the life tyme of my sonne Harlakinden my loving brother Mr Richard Fitts Symonds decease in the interim, and be Bountifull to my sonne Harlakinden (which I beleive he will) and bequeath to him more then the value of five pounds ꝑ annũ; Then my will & minde is, that this five pounds shall cease: and that my executor thenceforth be wholly free from the payment thereof. In wittnesse whereof I have herevnto sett my hande & Seale dated November the eigth day 1677.

SAMUEL SYMONDS.

Subscribed sealed & delivered, &
published in the prsence of vs
JOHN WOOD
JOHN WOODIN
MARTHA GRAVES.

This third codicill testamentary I Samuell Symonds doe now add to the former, which refereth to my will dated 16th day of February 1673. The occasion & reason of my soe doeing is because I mistooke in my date of my last codicill viz: I dated it 13th day of February 1676, which should have bene January 1676. Alsoe whereas I have mentioned in my will 100ll to my daughter Martha Its onely named I doe not thereby give it, for I have given my bond for it, soe that mention is voide. The reason why I make these codicills is to spare writinge being longe.

Dated January 8th 1677.

SAMUEL SYMONDS.

Sealed, subscribed & deliud
in the prsence of vs

The mk of + EDWARD BRAG
TIMOTHY BRAG.

Proved at Ipswich 6 November 1678.

AGREEMENT OF SYMONDS FAMILY.

Articles of Agreement Indented made and agreed upon this Aprill 10: Anno Domj: 1694. Between Harlackinden Symonds of Ipswich in New England; John Emerson & his wife Ruth Emerson of Glocester in New England: Thomas Baker & his wife Priscilla Baker of Topsfield in New England, Daniel Epes

of Salem & Simond Epes of Ipswich in New England on the one part: and Joseph Jacob and his wife Susannah Jacob Dorothy Symonds Colonel Wade as Guardian to Mary & Elizabeth Symonds, all of Ipswich in New England, aforesaid, on the other part witnesseth That all we whose names are aboue mentioned do firmly Couenant promise to stand to the following Articles

Imp^{rs} That Rebekah Symonds of Ipswich in New England Relict widow of Sam Symonds deceased Shall have all things performed & made good to her according to ye will of said Samuel Symonds by the above Said parties (viz.) half by the one party & half by the other party above named. That all the Land Sould in Argilla (viz) Thirty and five acres of upland to Bragg & Eight acres of meadow Sould to Bragg and Eight Acres of vpland Sould to John Emerson and four acres of vpland Sould to Thomas Baker: Towards paying Legacies by Richard Martin Daniel Epes & Harlackinden Symonds as administrators Shall Stand good & be accounted vallid and also a parcell of marsh of about fourteen or fiueteen acc^{rs} Bounded by marsh of Simonds Epes the Rings & wells: be the same more or less which was ordered & Sett out by the administrators aboue Said for payment of Legacies Shall Stand good & be accounted vallid & also all the Stock wch was upon the farme Together with all vtensills as Clock Copper &c: which ware ordered by the said Administrators for the payment of Legacies Shall Stand good and be accounted vallid: We also

Covenant & agree: that what Estate William Simonds deceased hath disposed of to his own vse formerly which once belonged to the Estate of Sam[ll] Simonds Esq[r] Deceased shall stand good & be accounted vallid and likewise that which was his Interest in Lamper Eele River. Wee the aboue sd parties do also Couenant & agree that the whole remaining part of the farme Called Argilla both upland & meadow with houses fences orchards & all previledges & appurtinances Shall be Equally divided into Two Equal Shares between the above sd parties (viz) the moiety or one half to be to the proper vse and benifit of the one party (viz) Harlackinden Simonds John Emerson & Ruth his wife Thomas Baker & Priscilla his wife Daniel & Simond Epes Richard Martins Children which he had by his Second wife Martha & her other Children That is to Say to be Equally divided into Six Shares whereof Harlackinden Simonds is to have two Shares & five pounds in pay ꝑ annū during life to be well & truly paid by the above said parties (viz) fifty Shillings ꝑ annm by the one party and fivety Shillings ꝑ annum by the other party. The other half of Said farme to be to the proper vse & benifit of the other party (viz) Joseph Jacob & his wife Susanna Dorothy Simonds Mary Simonds & Elizabeth Simonds in Equal Shares To have & to hold the aboue named parts or halfs of said farme Called Argilla to them the aboue named partise (viz) Harlackinden Simonds John Emerson & his wife Ruth: Thomas Baker & his wife priscilla Daniel & Simond Epes Richard Martins children

by his wife Martha & her other Children and Joseph Jacob wth his wife Susanna, Dorothy Simonds Mary Simonds & Elizabeth Simonds to them their heires Executors, adm^{r}s & Assignes To the Sole vse benifit & behoof of them their heires & assignes for Euer. Unto the true performance of all and Singuler the premises, We the above sd parties, do bind our Selves our heirs Execu^{r}s & Adm^{r}s, in the penall Sum of one Thousand pounds Lawfull money of new England to be paid by the defectiue party. In Witness wherof we have here vnto Set our hands & Seals the day & year first above written: Interchangeably

	HARLACKINDEN SIMONDS & a Seal
Signed Sealed &	JOHN EMERSON & a Seal
Delivered In pres-	RUTH EMERSON & a Seal
ence of vs	THOMAS BAKER & a Seal
SAMUEL APPLETON Junr	PRISCILLA BAKER & a Seal
JOHN NEWMAN	DANIEL EPES & a Seal
THOMAS LOW.	SIMOND EPES & a Seal

Harlackinden Simonds, John Emerson: Ruth Emerson: Thomas Baker: Daniel Epes and Symonds Epes, appeared personally before me the Subscriber, one of the Council & Justice of the peace in the province of the Massachusetts Bay & acknowledged this Instrument both Sides of it to be their act & deed this June 12th 1694.

BARTH^{o} GEDNEY
Judge of the probate of wills &c^{a} for the County of Essex.

PEDIGREE OF HARLAKENDEN.

ANCESTRY OF DOROTHY, FIRST WIFE OF SAMUEL SYMONDS.

Arms. — Azure, a fess Ermine between three lion's heads erased Or.

William Harlakenden =

William Harlakenden =

Thomas Harlakenden =

William Harlakenden of Woodchurch, living 1286 =

John Harlakenden of Woodchurch, living 1326 =

Thomas Harlakenden of Woodchurch, living 1408 =

Moyses Harlakenden of Woodchurch = Petronella, dau. of Sir Henry Hardres.

- William Harlakenden = of Woodchurch, d. 1481.
- John Harlakenden = of Warehorn, Kent. = Joane, daughter and heir of Thomas Willes of Alkinden, Kent.

John Harlakenden = of Warehorn. = Joane, daughter of ——— Phillipes of Tenterden.

Thomas Harlakenden = of Warehorn. = Mary, daughter and heir of Richard Londenoys of Bread, Sussex.

- John
- William d. 1606.
- Elizabeth, dau. of = Thomas Hardres of Hardres.
- Roger Harlakenden = of Kenardington, Kent, and of Earl's Colne, Essex. d. 1603. = Elizabeth Blechenden. = Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Josceline. = Anne Barnard.

- Roger d. 1583.
- Richard d. 1631.
- Dorothy, dau. of = John Cheney of Drayton, Buckinghamshire.
- Thomas Harlakenden = of Earl's Colne. d. 1648. = Jane, dau. of Edward Hubert. = Anne Blechenden. = Sarah ———.

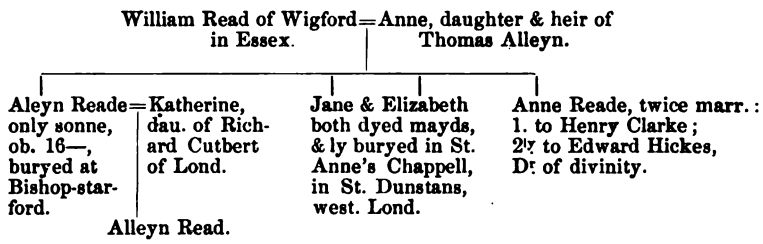
- Roger
- William
- Dorothy bap. at E. C. 12 Dec. 1596, m. Samuel Symonds at Great Yeldham 2 April, 1617, bur. at Toppesfield 3 August, 1636.
- Anne
- Thomas
- Agnes
- Katharine
- Mabell
- Richard
- Katharine
- William

FAMILY OF READ.

LITTLE attention has yet been paid to the history of this family, though many persons in New England are directly descended from Edmund Read of Wickford in Essex. No account of any fulness or value can anywhere be read. The documents here printed, and the facts here recorded, will certainly be new to most persons. The will of Edmund Read has been printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for 1862; and the editors of the volume, though having all the information then within their reach in this country, were hardly able to add any biographical notes to the document. The short pedigree on the next page may be found in MS. Harleian, 1429, in the British Museum.

Allan Read Deputy of the ward of Faringdon without 1670. an Atch: made.

ARMS, — Azure, a griffin segreant Or, a canton of the second, quartering Allen, Brett, ——, Gedding, Aspall, Petrhys, Watkins, Watervile, Peverell.

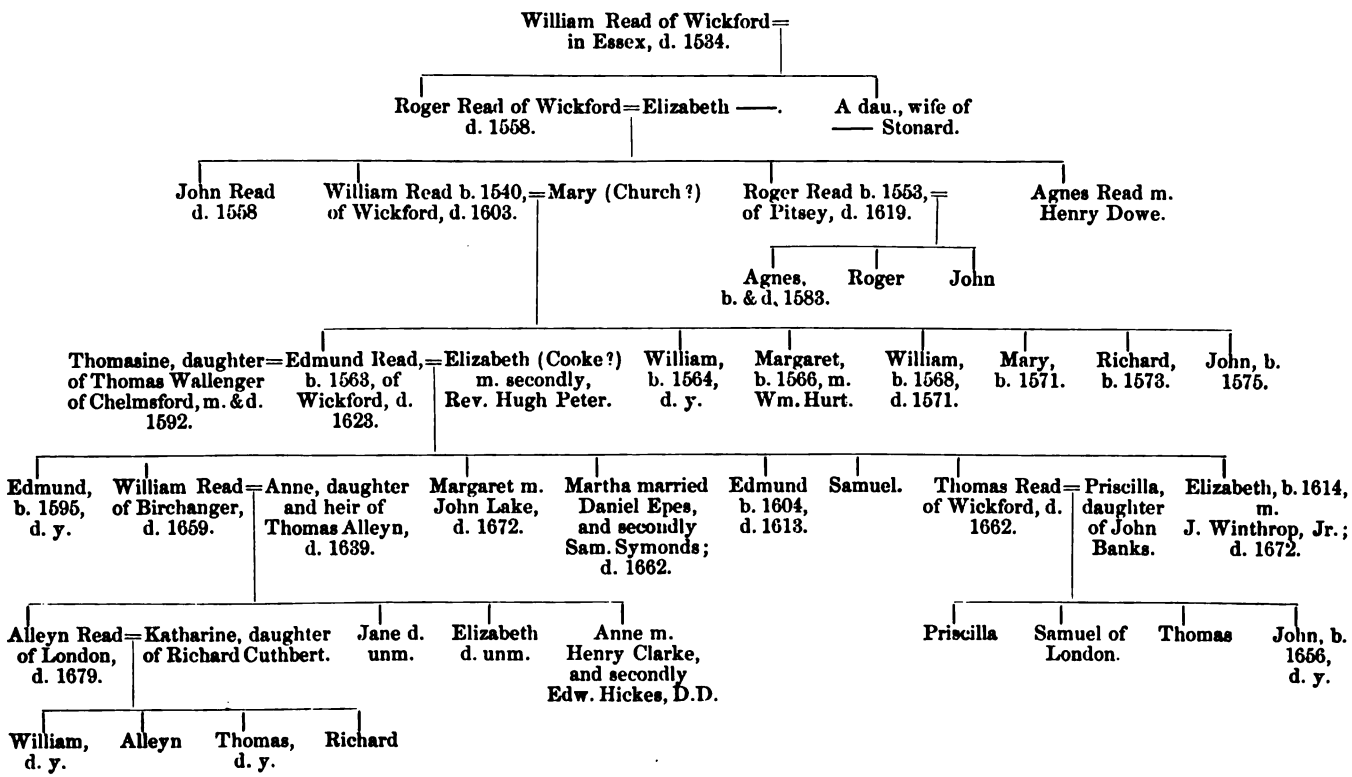


In the "HISTORY AND TOPOGRAPHY OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX," by Thomas Wright, we read, under the parish of Birchanger, —

"William Reade, of this parish, and Ann his wife, sole daughter and heir of Thomas Aleyn, of Branghen, in Hertfordshire, gentleman, by Jane his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Laventhorp, of Albury Hall, in the said county, esquire. She died, 14th Nov. 1639. He, the 3d April, 1659. This monument was erected by their only son, Aleyn Reade." Arms: A griffin segreant . . . a canton . . . impaling per bend rompu . . . six martlets.

PEDIGREE OF READ.

ANCESTRY OF MARTHA, SECOND WIFE OF SAMUEL SYMONDS.



It seems worth while to print the following facts in addition to the pedigree. Elizabeth, widow of Edmund Read, who died in 1623, married secondly the famous Rev. Hugh Peter. The Winthrop Family Papers contain indirect evidence of this, but the most certain proof is in a volume with this title: "ENGLANDS SHAME: OR THE UNMASKING OF A Politick Atheist: Being a Full and Faithful Relation of the LIFE and DEATH of that Grand Impostor HUGH PETERS. Wherein is set forth his whole Comportment, Policies, and Principles exercised from the Ingress, in the Progress, and to the Egress of his Unhappy Life. By WILLIAM YONGE, Dr. Med." The volume is an atrocious libel. Peters, being "setled in a Free School of 24*l.* *per annum*," at or near Malden in Essex, "feigns himself a Suitor, or rather a politick Servant to one Mistris *Read* a Widow woman dwelling neer unto him," and according to Dr. Yonge obtained her hand and fortune by a vile stratagem. The marriage probably took place about 1625, and Mrs. Peter died in England about 1637. I have no certain account of her parentage, but think she was daughter of Thomas Cooke of Pebmarsh, Essex.

William Read, eldest son of Edmund, lived at Birchanger in Essex, and died in 1659. His will is valuable as mentioning "my sister Lake, my sister Symonds, my sister Winthropp."

Samuel Read, second son of Edmund, was a physician, and in 1643 was of Bishop's-Stortford in Hertfordshire. He was undoubtedly dead in 1659, not being named in his brother William's will.

Thomas Read, third son of Edmund, came to New England, and was admitted Freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts 1 April, 1634. He settled at Salem, and in March, 1637, was appointed Ensign of the watch for that town; in 1647 he was called Captain. 16 February, 1636, the town granted him a farm of three hundred acres north-west northerly from Salem, the bounds of which were settled 28 February, 1662. He seems not to have passed much time in this country, and finally returned to England, to take an active part in the great rebellion. He was a Colonel in the parliamentary army, and for some time was governor of Stirling Castle. He has been thought to have taken part with General Monk in the restoration of Charles II.; and this is possible, though in October,

1661, he was one of several officers "comitted close prissoners to the Gatehouse, Westm^{r}, by expresse warants sygned by his Ma$^{tie's}$ principall Secretary of State." Thomas Read married Priscilla, daughter of John Banks of Maidstone, Kent, and of London, who died in 1642. They had six children, but I only know the names of four; three of them died young. Thomas Read died in 1662. His son Samuel, a merchant of London, was living in 1701.

Margaret Read, eldest daughter of Edmund, married John Lake, of what family I do not know; he was certainly not brother of Sir Edward Lake and of Thomas Lake of Boston, Mass., for that John was also of Boston, where he died in 1677. They had three children, John and Anna, mentioned in the will of their grandfather Read, and Martha, born later. Mrs. Margaret Lake came to New England, and lived for some time at New London, Conn., afterwards at Ipswich, where she died in 1672. Her husband was living in 1657, but I know not how much later. Of her son John I know nothing; her daughter Anna, called here Hannah, married John Gallup, of New London and Stonington, a Captain, who was killed in the Narragansett swamp fight 19 December,

1675, leaving several children; Martha married 15 November, 1647, Thomas Harris of Ipswich, who died in 1687, also leaving several children.

Martha Read, second daughter of Edmund, married Daniel Eppes of Kent, in which county the name often occurs. They had three children, Daniel and Elizabeth, mentioned in the will of their grandfather Read, and Mary, born later. Her husband died within a few years after 1623, and she married about 1637 Samuel Symonds, as related on page 62. Near the same time she came to this country. She bore her second husband certainly four children, as before enumerated, and died in 1662. Her son Daniel Eppes married 20 May, 1644, his step-sister Elizabeth Symonds, and died 8 January, 1693, leaving several children. Her daughter Elizabeth Eppes became, I presume, wife of James Chute of Ipswich; he is called son by Samuel Symonds, and in 1653 James and Elizabeth Chewte were witnesses to the will of Samuel Symonds, Jr. Her daughter Mary Eppes married about 1654 Peter Duncan of Gloucester, and died there 21 July, 1692, leaving several children; her husband died 6 May, 1716, aged eighty-six.

Elizabeth Read, third daughter of Edmund, born at Wickford in 1614, married about 1635 John Winthrop, Jr., Governor of Connecticut, and had several children before her death, 24 November, 1672. He died 5 April, 1676.

DOCUMENTS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF WICKFORD, ESSEX.

Año 1539(-40). William Reade was babtysed marche ye 11th.

Año 1553. Roger Reade the sonne of Roger Reade was babtysed October ye 2th.

Año 1563. Edmund Reade sonne to Williā Reade was babtysed May ye 23th.

Año 1564. Williā Reade sonne to Williā Reade was babtysed July ye 22th.

Año 1566(-7). Margarett Reade daughter of Williā Reade was babtysed Jañuary ye 9th.

Año 1568. Williā Reade sonne of Williā Reade was babtysed May ye 24th.

Año 1571(-2). Mary Reade the daughter of Williā Reade was babtysed Jan: ye 2th.

Año 1573. Richard Reade sonne of Williā Reade was babtysed July ye 24th.

Año 1575(-6). John Reade sonne of Williā Reade was babtysed January ye 25th.

Año 1582(–3). Agnes Reade daughter of Roger Reade was babtysed february ye 25th.

Año 1595. Edmund Reade sonne of Edmund Reade was babtysed november ye 6th.

1604. Edmund Reade the sonne of Edmund Reade was babtysed July the 22th.

1614. Elizabeth Read daughter of m^{r} Edmund Read was baptised novemb. 27.

Año 1586(–7). Williā Hurt & Margaret Reade were married february ye 15th.

Año 1592. Edmund Reade & Thomasin Wallenger were married november ye 14th.

1616. Arthure Helhouse & Marye Read widdow were marryed August the 7th.

Año 1558. Roger Reade was buryed marche ye 17th.

,, ,, John Reade was buryed november ye 27th.

Año 1571. Williā Reade was buryed marche ye 3th.

Año 1577. Martha Reade was buryed december ye 16th.

Año 1583. Agnes Reade was buryed August ye 4th.

Año 1592. Thomasin Reade was buryed decembr ye 7th.

1603. Williā Reade was buryed July ye 19th.

1613. Edmunde Read the sonne of Edmund Read was buryed Novemb: 9.

Mr Edmonde Read was buried the firste of December Anno 1623.

Widdo Read was burried July the 26, 1660.

WILLS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

WILLIAM READ.

In the name of God Amen the yere of owre Lord MCCCCCXXXIIIJ the xvj day of may I Wyllyā Rede of Wykford In the cowntie off Essex yoman make my testament in maner and Forme Folowing. fyrst I beqweth my sowle to almyghty God to owre lady saynt mare and to all the holy company of heven and my body to be buryed in the chyrch or chyrcheyarde of Wykford.

It̃. I beqweth to the hygh awt̃ thythys neclygently for goten xx^{d}

It̃. I beqweth to the same chyrch iij^{s} iiij^{d}

It̃. I beqweth to a pryst to syng for my sowle and all crysten sowls the space of halfe a yer In the parrishe chyrch of Wykford iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

It̃. I beqweth to Roger Stonard my doght̃ son, a cowe and iiij schepe.

It̃. I beqweth to elsabeth hys syst̃, a cowe and iiij schepe.

It̃. I beqweth mergret Bundoke my dogt̃ doght̃ on cowe and iiij schepe.

The resydewe of all my gods not beqwethyd I gyffe to Roger my sn̄ the woche Roger I make myne executure.

Wyttnes here of Sr Nawffi Byrche curat Ihon̄ Peke w^{t} o^{r} mower.

Proved at Chelmsford 26 June 1534.

ROGER READ.

In the Name of God Amen the xth daye of Decembir in the yere of o^{r} Lord God 1557° etc. I Roger Rede of Wyckford etc. make this my last will and testament etc. First I bequethe my soull to allmyghty God etc. And my bodye to be buryed etc. Also I geve and bequethe unto Elizabethe my wyf and to her assygnes xlvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} of good and Lawfull money of England. Also I geve unto Elizabethe my wif two Kyne a blacke and a branded. Also I geve unto Elizabethe my wif all such houshold [stuff] and plate as she had when and at such tyme as we were maryed uppon condycion hereafter followeyng That is to saye I will that Elizabethe my wyf shall Releasse and yeld up unto John and Willm̃ Reade my sonẽs and to their heires accordynge to my will wthin one monethe next after my deceasse all that her right tytill and intrest of dowrye of all those my Tenements and Lands which Tenements and Lands I was Seased of at the daye and tyme of o^{r} Spousage. Also I will that Elizabethe my wif shall delyv̂ or cause to be delyv̂ed A certayne bill of conveyance made betwene me and my wif before o^{r} Spowsage And in case that Elizabethe my wyf doe Refuse to yelde up and Release all her Right tytill and intrest of Dówrye of all my tenements and Lands as before is sayd as also to delyver or cause to be delyv̂ed unto my Execut° the byll Or elles to make a suffycyent·quyttance and dyscharge for the said byll or any thyng therein contayned,

Then I will that Elizabethe my wyf shall have no ꝑte of the Legacyes to her here in my will before bequethed. Also I geve unto the sayde Elizabethe xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for a bed and the new Cupbord in the ꝑlor Also I will that my Execut̃ hereafter named shall paye or cause to be payed unto the saide Elizabethe my wyf wth in one moneth next after my deceasse xxvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} of the foresaid Legacye. Also I will that Elizabethe my wyf shall make releasse of all her Right tytill & Intrest of her dowrye and of the bill of covenn̄ts betwene us made at the daye of o^{r} Spowsage as before is said. And in so doynge the other xx^{li} to be payd to her wthin one yere and a half next after my decease. Also I will that Elizabethe my wyf and Roger my sone shalbe here in the house wth my ij Son̄es John and Willyam untill my monethes daye. And furthermore I will my Execut̃ shall keape Roger my son̄e at there charges wth suffycyent apparrell and in otherwyse. Also I geve unto Roger my sone att the age of xxj^{ti} yeres xl^{li} of good and Lawfull money of England to be payd by the hands of myne Execut̃ or there assygnes. Also I will that my said Executors or there assygneys shall bye the said Roger a fetherbed and all thyngs to yt belongyng or els xl^{s} for the bed. Also I geve and bequethe to Byttrys Hastler xx^{s} and a petycoote to be payde to her wthin one yere next after my decease. Item I geve and bequethe to Avys Hastler xx^{s} and iiij^{c} Ewe shepe To be payde by the hands of my Execut̃ or there assygnes to her wthin ij^{o} yeres next after my deceass. Also I geve and bequethe to Agnys my doughter

the wyf of Henry Dowe xxvj^{s} and viij^{d} And that yt be payde ymedyatlye after my decease by the hands of myne Exec̃. Also I geve unto John Rede my sone all my Tenements & lands called greate Amys and litill Amys wth all thapp^{r}tenñcs therto belongyng, to hym and to his heires and assygnys for ever, lyinge and beyng wthin the ꝑyshe of Wyckford. Also I geve unto Willm̃ Rede my sone and to the heires of his bodye lawfully begotten a certeyne Tenñt called felds and all the lands wth thapp^{r}tenñcs thereto belongyng. And a certayne ꝑcell of land called Helmans croft lyinge and beynge in the ꝑyshe of Wydford. Also I will that yf God call willm̃ my sone to his m̃cye wth owt yssew of his bodye lawfully begotten Then I will his legacye of land remayne to Roger my sone and to his heires of his bodye lawfully begotten. The Resydew of all my goods unbequethed wth a leasse of a pece of Land called Rosses, my debtes beyng payde my bodye honestly buryed my funeralles done and this my present testament beyng ꝑformed and fullfilled I geve them wholy to John Rede and Willm̃ Rede my Sones ꝑte and parte lyke which John Rede and Willm̃ I constitute ordeyne and make my Executors of this my present testament and last will.

In wytnes unto this my present testament and last will I have made my marke wth myne owne hand. Wytnes hereunto Willm̃ Stamer, Thomas Deryvall, Edward Stamer and others.

WILLIAM READ.

In the name of God Amen The iijth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God 1603, I William Reade of Wickford in the county of Essex yeoman (beinge in perfect mynd & memory lawde & prayse therefore moste hartely I give unto God) doe ordayne make and constitute this my p^{r}sent testament contayning therein my last will in manner and forme followinge that is to saye fyrst and principally I give and bequeathe my sowle to Allmighty God my Maker Redeemer & Saviour Jesus Christe by whose death and passion I trust to be saved and by no other meanes and my body to be buryed in the Church of Wickford whensoever the same shall fortune to departe this lyfe.

It. I give and bequeathe to the poore of Wickford Three powndes to be payd to them yearely xx^{s} The first xx^{s} to be payd p^{r}sently after my death.

It. I give to the poore of Rayley xx^{s}

It. I give to the poore of Rawreth xx^{s}

It. I give to the poore of Nevingdon xx^{s}

It. I give to the poore of Runwell xx^{s}

It. I give and bequeath to my cozen Roger Reade the some of Eight pownds to be payd unto him by forty shyllinges a yeare.

It. I give to every one of my howsehold servants x^{s} a piece.

It. I give and bequeath to Mary my welbeloved wyfe One hundred powndes of good and lawfull money of England to be

payd unto her within halfe a yeare after my decease upon this condicion hereafter mentioned that is to say that she the sayd Mary shall accept and take twenty powndes a yeare of my sonne Edmund Reade his heyres or assignes for her dowrye or third wch she is to have out of my landes And if that the sayd Mary my wyfe do refuse to yeeld up and release all her right title and interest of dowrye or third of all my sayd landes (my sayd sonne beinge bownde to pay her quarterly that is to say v^li^ every quarter so long as she shall live) then my will and meaninge is that Mary my wyfe shall not have any part of this legacye of One hundred powndes to her given by my will before bequeathed.

It. I give and bequeath to the sayd Mary my wyfe all such household stuffe and plate as she had when and at such tyme as we were marryed except suche howsehold as she hath given since to her children or is otherwise worne altered and decayed wch my will and meaninge is that my executour hereafter mentioned shall not be charged withall.

It. I give and bequeath to the said Mary my lovinge wyfe sixe Kyne to be delivered by my executour out of my stocke heere in Wickford within one moneth after my decease.

It. I give and bequeath to my sayd wyfe my baye trottinge Geldinge.

It. My mynd and wyll is that my sayd wyfe shall have her dwellinge & entertaynment in all honest and comely manner for herself & her mayde in my nowe dwellinge howse for the

terme of one whole yeare next after my decease yf she will so longe there continue & abyde.

It̃. I give and bequeath to my sonne John Reade three hundred pownds of lawfull Englishe money to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

It̃. I give and bequeath to my brother Edmund Churche the some of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be payd unto him within one quarter of a yeare after my decease.

It̃. I give and bequeath to my sonne Edmund Reade and to the heyres of his body lawfully begotten all my landes and tenements whatsoever and for want of suche heyres my will and meaninge is that all the sayd landes and tenements shall descend and come to my sonne John Reade before mentioned & to his heyres for ever.

It̃. I give and bequeath to my sayd sonne Edmund my lease of Fryearne* and the lease wch I bought of my brother Edmund Church.

The residue of all my goodes and chattells whatsoever unbequeathed my funerall charges discharged and this my p^{r}sent testament and last will perfourmed and fullfylled I give and bequeath to my sayd sonne Edmund whome I doe institute ordayne and make my sole executour of this my present testament and last will and I doe appoynt my cozen Edmund Thorneton and my cozen Richard Dowe to be myne overseers

* A manor in Newenden parish, bordering Wickford.

and I doe give to either of them xx^{s} a piece to make them a ringe in recompence of there paynes & token of my good will.

In wittnesse whereof unto this my p^{r}sent testament and last will I have sett to my hand and seale the day and yeare above wrytten.

The marke of × the sayd William Reade the testator & his seale.

Sealed subscribed ratified acknowledged & delivered by the sayd William Reade the testator for his last wyll & testament in the p^{r}sence of us William Harries & Thomas Meredythe.

EDMUND READ.*

In ye name of God Amen, ye 20th day^{e} of November in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred and [twenty] thre I Edmand Reade &c.

Item, I give & bequeth unto ye Poore of Wickford twenty shillings of Lawfull english mony to be payde to y^{m} by my Executo^{rs} with in one Month next after my dicease: Item, I give & bequeth unto John Weald my Servant five pounds of

* This Will, found among the Winthrop Family Papers, has been printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. A few misprints there seen are corrected here from the manuscript.

Lawfull english mony to be Payde to him within one yeare after my dicease: Item, I give & bequeth unto every one of my other Servants two shillings a Peece to Be payde to y^{m} within one Month after my dicease: Item, I give & bequeth unto William Reade my son̄ & to my daughter Reade forty shillings apeece to Bye y^{m} Rings: Item, I give & bequeth unto Elizabeth my Loving Wife all those Leases which I have of Mr Edward Syliarde & Mr George White; and allsoe ye Messages and Tenaments or Lands theireunto belonging which I lately Purchased of Mr Cockerum now in ye Teno^{r} & occupation of John Tyle or his assignes for & during ye Tearme of her Naturall Life; and after her dicease, I give & bequeath all ye sd Leases Messages or Teniments and ye lands above spesifyed unto William Reade my son̄ upon ye Condition y^{t} he ye sd William my son̄ shall with in forty dayes next after my deth enter into bond to Elizabeth my sd Loving Wife in ye full som̄ of 400^{l} y^{t} he ye sd William my son̄ shall paye unto my son̄ Thomas Reade within fourescore dayes after ye dicease of my sd Loving Wife, if he ye sd Thomas be y^{n} Living or otherwise to his Children if he have any then Living ye full sum̄ of 240^{l} of Lawfull english mony and if my sd son̄ William shall Refuse to enter into Bond to my sd Loving Wife as aforesaide · y^{n} my minde and Will is y^{t} my sd son̄ Thomas Reade shall Presantly after ye dicease of my sd Loving Wife, enter into ye aforesd leases & Lands; and allsoe into ye aforesd Messages or Teniments with ye apertinances and Lands theireunto be-

longing, to have and enjoye to him ye sd Thomas Reade or ye eyres of his Body Lawfully begotten and for Want of such Issue y^{n} to Remayne to my sonn William Reade and his Eyres for ever: Item, I give & bequeth unto Samuell my second sonn & to ye eyres of his body Lawfully begotten; y^{t} my Message or Teniment with ye appertinances & Lands theireunto belonging, Called or Knowne by ye name of Sopers or by what soever Name or names ye same be Calld or Knowne; now in ye Teno^{r} & occupation of George Ballard or his assignes; and if ye sd Samuell my sonn shall fortune to depart y^{s} life with out Eyres of his body lawfully begotten; y^{n} my minde and Will is y^{t} Thomas my aforesd sonn shall enter into ye Messages & Lands aforesd to have and enjoye y^{m} to him or ye eyres of his Body lawfully begotten; and for Want of such Issue unto William Reade my sd sonn and to his eyres for ever: Provided allwayes y^{t} if ye sd Message or Teniment and lands theireunto belonging, Called Sopers herein and hereby formerly given & bequethed unto Samuell my sonn shall hapen to Com to William my sonn in Maner & forme as aforesaide; y^{n} I Will y^{t} my sd sonn William shall with in one Month y^{n} next enter into bond to my Executo^{r} herein and hereby nominated (If she be y^{n} Living) or otherwise to ye overseeres of this my last Will & Testiment herein Nominated in ye Penall somm of 600^{l} with Condition to paye 300^{l} of Lawfull english mony in maner & forme following: (that is to saye) unto John Lake and Anna Lake two of my Grand Children: 50^{l} apeece: & to Daniell Epps & Eliza-

beth Epps two other of my Grand Children: 50 a peece and to Elizabeth my Daughter: 100[l] of lawfull english mony within one yeare next after ye sd Message or Teniment & ye lands theireunto belonging Called Soppers, shall hapen to Com to my sd sonn William in Maner & forme as aforesaide and if my sd sonn William shall Refuse to enter bond in Maner & forme as is aforesaide then I will y^{t} all those Messages lands & teniments Called Sopers shall be and Remayne unto my aforesaide Grand Chilldren, and to ye Residue of my Grand Children of all my Daughters, and to Elizabeth my youngest Daughter equally to be divided amongst y^{m} and if my sd Grand Children shall hapen to dye before the sd Legasye shall be due, y^{n} my minde & Will is y^{t} ye saide Legasye shall Ineur to my two Daughters ye Mothers, and Provided allsoe y^{t} if Samuell my son hapen to depart this life with^{out} Issue of his body lawfully begotten, and that Thomas my sonn enjoye ye sd lands & teniments aforesd and to him in and by this my last Will & testiment bequethed; then my minde and will is that those leases lands and Messages with ye lands theireunto belonging which is before given unto my saide sonn Thomas shall Presently Ineur and Com to my saide sonn William Reade and to his eyres for ever without paying ye foresaide somm of 240[l] unto Thomas Reade my sonn or any part theireof in maner and forme as is aforesaide. Item, I give & bequeth unto my saide Loving Wife ye lease of Frearne and all ye time and terme to Come and unexpired for and towards ye Mayntenance and education and bringing up of Thomas

Reade my third sonn: Item, I give and bequeth unto my sonn in Law John Lake and to my Daughter Margrett Lake, forty shillings apeece to make ym Rings and to John Lake and Anna Lake theire Children 20sh apeece: Item, I give and bequeth unto Daniell Epps & Martha Epps my Daughter 40sh apeece to make ym Rings & to Elizabeth Epps and Daniell Epps theire Children 20sh apeece: Item, I give and bequeth unto Elizabeth my Daughter 200l of Lawfull mony of england to be payde unto her at her full age of 20 yeares. Item, I give & bequeath unto my Brother John Reade ye summ of five pounds to be payde to him within one whole yeare next after my Dicease: Item, I give and bequeath unto my sonn William my young graye Guilding now in ye Custodye of my Kinsman John Reade: all ye Residue of my Goods Chattells and Mooveables what soever, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my said Loving Wife, who I make and ordayne my sole executrix of this my last Will & testiment; and I doe nominate and appoynt James Lawrence of Cliffords Inn Gentillman and John Reade of Pitsaye my Kinsman overseers of this my last Will and testiment, and doe hereby give ym thre pownd six shillings & aight pence apeece to be payde to ym by my saide executrix Intreating ym to be ayding and assisting my sd loving Wife to se this my last Will and testiment duly and truly executed & performed according to my Intent and true meaning herein and hereby set downe & declared. In Witness whereof, I the saide Edmand Reade, have set my hand to every severall

lease and my seale to y^{m} all fixed together, and doe deliver ye same in to ye hands of my Loving Wife my saide executrix this 20th daye of November in the 21st yeare of ye Kings Majestyes Raigne that now is and in anno Domini 1623.

EDMAND READE.

Sealed & delivered in ye Presence of Edmand Lamb: Edward Epps.

Robt Marrable his Marke he is Mr Thomas Lakes Mañ.

Vera Copia From Coll. Reade.

WILLIAM READE.

In the name of God Amen I William Reade of Birchanger in the county of Essex Gentleman being of perfect minde, and memory thankes be to my God therefore but weake of body and Considering my uncertaine Estate and Condition in this World Doe now this Thirty day of March In the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred Fifty and nyne make this my last Will and Testament in manner following. First I bequeath my soule to God who gave it assuredly beleiving to be saved by the meritts pretious death passion and Resurrection of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ only. Then I bequeath my body to the Earth in sure and certaine hope of Resurrection to eternall

life through the power & vertue of my Redeemer and only Saviour Jesus Christ to be decently buried neare the body of my deare wife formerly buried in the Chancell of Birchanger as my Executor shall thinke fitt and convenient. Imprimis I make my loving Sonne Alleyn Read my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament & doe give him all my Lands free and Coppy lying and being in the parish of Birchanger in the county of Essex to him & to his heires for ever he discharging my Funerall expences & all such Legacies as I shall here give & expresse. Item I give unto my daughter Ann Clarke Widowe Two hundred pounds of good and currant money of England deducting thence only such necessary Charges as my sonne Alleyne Read hath been putt to or shall be putt to in the Recoverie and well and surely setling of her joynture. My will herein is further that if my daughter Ann Clarke marrie againe that she shall make good and convey in writing to my Grandchild Elizabeth Clarke her daughter one hundred pounds of the former sum̄e given her And I request my sonn Alleyn Read my Executor to take Care for the assurance of that summe to my Grandchild Elizabeth Clarke to be paid unto her att the age of one and twenty yeares or day of her marriage which shall first happen. But if the said Elizabeth Clarke shall dye before marriage or the age of one and twenty yeares then ye hundred pounds to returne to my daughter Anne Clarke. Item I bequeath to my sonne Alleyn Read & to his wife & to my daughter Anne Clarke & likewise to my loving brother Thomas

Read & his wife & to everie one of them perticularly a gold ring of forty shillings price each ring. Item I give to my sister Lake my sister Symonds my sister Winthropp To my Cozen Thomas Cooke & his wife To my Cozen Joseph Cooke To my Cozen Benett* Widowe To Mr Lear, Clarke & to Mr Thomas Cuthbert & to my fower Grandchildren William Alleyn & Thomas Read & Elizabeth Clarke & to all and to every one of theise last named in perticular to each one of them one gold ring of twentie shillings price. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Freind William Parsons now of Birchanger Clerke, five pounds of good and lawfull monie of England & one mourning Gowne. And further I give unto the said William Parsons, Clerke, & to his wife & daughter Margarett Parsons to each of them in perticular one gold ring of twenty shillings price. Item I give to ye poore of ye parish of Birchanger in Essex the sum̄e of forty shillings to be given them & such of them & in such proporc̄on as my Executor with ye oversight of William Parsons of Birchanger clerke shall thinke fitt & this summe of forty shillings shall be paid to the said poore in Birchanger w^th^in one moneth after my buriall. Item I give unto ye poore of Wickford in Essex ye sum̄e of forty shillings to be devided among them and such of them as my sonn & Executor Alleyn Read wth ye oversight of ye parson or Minister of Wickford shall thinke fitt & my will is y^t^ this sum̄e of fortie

* Grace, daughter of Thomas Cooke of Pebmarsh, married John Bennet of Matching, Essex.

shillings shall be payd wthin two moneths after my buriall. And for all ye Rest of my Reall & ꝑsonall Estate whatsoever I give wholy & intirely to my loving sonne Alleyn Read whome I have & doe make constitute & ordeine my sole and only Executor of this my last will and testam^{t} & for ye whole ordering of my buriall I wholly leave it to his wisdome & discrec̃on both when & what manner to ꝑforme ye same. In witnes & full confirmac̃on of this my last will & testam^{t} I have hereunto subscribed my name wth my owne hand & imprinted my owne seale This Thirty day of March 1659.

WILLIAM READ.

This writing was sealed subscribed and acknowledged by Mr William Read of Birchanger in Essex for his last will and testament in ye presence of William Parsons Margarett Parsons the marke of Jane Gray.

Proved at London 6 June 1659.

THOMAS READE.

I Thomas Reade in the Parish of Wickford in the County of Essex gen^{t} doe make my last will in manner and forme following.

Imprimis I doe give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Prissilla Read my farme called or knowne by the name of

Soppers in the parrish of Wickford in the County of Essex during hur life.

Item I doe give unto my loving wife Prissilla Reade Seaven Hundred and fiftie pounds dureing hur life Alsoe it is my will that if my loving wife Mrs Prissilla Reade should marry He that shee should have shuld give good securitie before marriage unto my overseers of this my will hereafter mencõned for the repaying of the seaven hundred and fiftie pounds to them after the death of my wife for the use of my children hereafter mencõned.

It is my will that after the decease of my loveing wife my sonne Samuell Read shall have five hundred pounds of the aforesaid seven hundred and fiftie pounds if he be of the age of one and twenty yeares or when he attayneth thereunto.

Alsoe it is my will that my sonne Thomas Reade should have two hundred and fiftie pounds of the seaven hundred and fiftie pounds before mencõned if he be of the age of one and twenty yeares or when he attayneth thereunto.

Item it is my will that after the decease of my loveing wife my sonne Samuell Read and his Ayres males lawfully begotten shall have my farme called Soppers in the parrish of Wickford aforesaid if he attayneth to the age of one and twenty yeares or when he doth.

Alsoe it is my will that my sonne Samuell Read when he comes to the age of one and twenty yeares shall have paid him Two Thousand three hundred pound over and above them the five hundred pounds formerly mencõned.

Alsoe it is my will that my sonne Samuell Reade shall have all that my farme called Wickford nere Salem in New England And all purtenñcs thereunto belonging.

Alsoe it is my will that my sonne Samuell Read shall have all my Publicke heeles* when he attayneth to the age of one and twenty yeares paying one Third parte thereof To my sonne Thomas Read when he attayneth to the age of one and twenty yeares.

Item I doe give unto my sonne Thomas Reade fowerteene hundred and fiftie pounds to be paid him when he attayneth to the age of one and twenty yeares over and above the two hundred and fiftie pounds formerly menc̃oned after the decease of my wife.

Item It is my will that my daughter Prissilla Read should have paid her when shee attayneth to the age of one and twenty yeares the Somme of one Thousand pounds or at the day of her marriage Provided my wife and those which I shall hereafter mention in this my will which I shall desire to be overseers of this my will doe approve of him shee doth match withall if not it is my will shee should have but five hundred poundes sterling and that five hundred pounds wch she should have had it is my will that my sune Samuell Reade shall have three hundred poundes of it, and it is my will that my sune Thomas Reade shall have the other two hundred poundes sterling.

* I have no idea what this means, unless possibly certain inns or taverns.

Item it is my will that if it should please the Lord to teake away by death my Sune Samuell Reade without issue That which I have given him my sune Thomas Reade should have itt.

Item it is my will if it should please the Lord to teake away by death [my Sune Thomas Reade] with aught issue lawfuly begotene what I have given unto my sune Thomas my Sune Samuell shall have it. Provided alsoe it is my further will that in case it should please the Lord to teake away by death eyther my sune Samuell Reade or my sonne Thomas Read or my daughter Prissilla Reade my wife M^ris^ Prissilla Reade shall have dureing hur life twenty pound a yeare ought of the deceased Chiles portion more then what I have formerly give her.

Item it is my further will that all the rest of my overplus of my estate which will accrewe untill my children comes of age as formerly mencõned Item it is my will that my Sune Samuell should have two Thurds and my sune Thomas shall have the other Thurd.

Item it is my will that twenty pounds a yeare by the yere should be allowed ought of the incomes of my estate which will arise for the bringing up of my children unles my Suprinces seeth good cause to adde something more.

Item it is my will that my wife dureing her life should have the use of what household stuffe and plate I have and then to be distrebuted to my Childrene which my wife is desired to teake keare of before hur death.

Alsoe it is my earnest desire that my wife and overseers of this my will teake keare that my children may be brought up in the feare of the Lord and to have good educacõn and learning and my sunes to be put ought to which they are most apte to.

Alsoe it is my further will that my beloved wife Mrs Prissilla Reade should be my executes of this my last will. I doe likewise desire ordaine and appoint my brother Calebe Banckes esquire Thomas Cooke of Pedmeshe Esquire Sir John Banckes Barrant Allyn Reade gent Jacob Willett Citcer to be Supervis of this my last will and Garderns to my Children during their noneage in case my wife dyeth or marryeth dureing theare tyme of their nonage.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this 25th July 1662.

THOMAS READE.

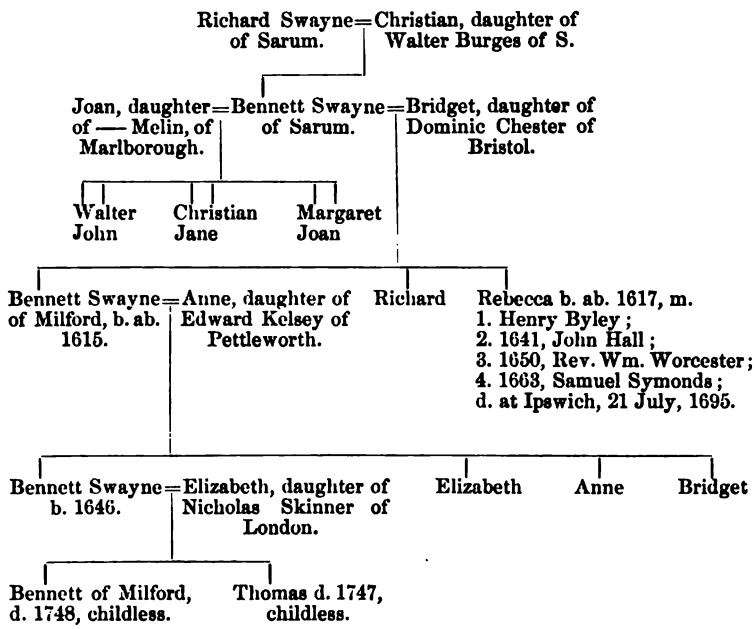
Witnes by us
SARRA COALL.

Proved at London 6 November 1662.

PEDIGREE OF SWAYNE.

ANCESTRY OF REBECCA, THIRD WIFE OF SAMUEL SYMONDS.

ARMS. — Azure, a chevron between three pheons Or.



REBECCA (SWAYNE) SYMONDS.

REBECCA, third wife of Samuel Symonds, was daughter of Bennett Swayne of Sarum, England, where she was born in 1616 or 1617. She married, about 1636, Henry Byley of Sarum, who came to New England in 1638, leaving her behind with one or two little children. She came soon after; but he died at Salisbury, Mass., about 1640, leaving children Henry and Rebecca. She married secondly, 3 April, 1641, John Hall of Salisbury, and had John, born 18 March, 1642, and Samuel. He died in a few years, and she married thirdly, 22 July, 1650, Rev. William Worcester of Salisbury. He died 28 October, 1662; and the next year she married Samuel Symonds, as has been told. Her son Henry Byley died unmarried. Her daughter Rebecca Byley married, 15 December, 1664, Rev. John Hale of Beverly,

and died 13 April, 1683, leaving a son Robert. Her son John Hall moved to England, and in 1676 and 1682 was of Islington, Middlesex, a merchant. He died in 1691, leaving a daughter Elizabeth Rogers.

WILL OF REBECCA SYMONDS.

In ye Name of God Amen I Rebeckah Symonds Widdow & Relique of m^r^ Samuell Symonds late deputy Gou^r^ of ye Massathusits Collony of ye Towne of Ipswich in ye County of Essex in Newingland doe this 15th day of Jully One Thousand Six hundred ninty five make ordaine & Constitute this my last will & Testament heare by revokeing & disanulling all other & former Wills & Testaments by word & writeing what Soeuer makeing this only to Stand & be for my last Will & Testament beeing Sicke in body but of a good & perfect Memory blessed be God first I Commit my Soule into ye hands of Allmighty God hopeing through ye merrit of Jesus Christ my Saviour of a Joyfull resurection & my body to ye Earth to be descently Interred at ye discretion of my Ouerseers hear after named & as for my Temporall Estate my will is that all my Just & honest debts that I owe to any maner of person be payd & ye rest I giue & bequeath in Maner & forme ffollowing.

Imp^{r}mis. I Giue unto my Kinsman Bennett Swaine in Ingland Three pounds if he haue Soe much in his hands.

Item. I Giue unto my Grand daughter Elliz^{a} Rogers * Twenty Shillings in Mony & a Gould ring yt wos my Mothers.

Item. I Giue unto my Sonn m^{r} Jno Hale my Horse.

Item. I Giue unto my Sonn m^{r} Jno Emerson my ffrench History.

Item. I giue unto ye Two Ministers in Ipswich Twenty Shillings Each one in Mony.

Item. I giue unto my Sonn Hierlackindine Symonds One good Young Cowe.

Item. I Giue unto my daughter Baker my Grogerum Manto & Couloured Silke petticoat.

Item. I Giue unto my Daughter Emerson One Silk petticoat.

Item. I Giue unto my Grand Sonn Dainell Epps One Jacke.

Item. I Giue unto my Grandsonn Symonds Epps ye Bedstead in ye Parlour.

Item. I Giue unto my Cousine Martha Harris † a good new Scarfe of Equall vallue with my best Scarfe.

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* She was daughter of John Hall, son of Mrs. Symonds by her second husband.

† She was daughter of Mrs. Margaret Lake, sister of Samuel Symonds' second wife.

Item. I Giue unto my Cousine John Stamiford * one of my Gould rings & Three pounds in Mony.

Item. I Giue unto my daughter Eliza^th^ Symonds all my wearing linen Excepting ye vallue of Twenty Shillings out of which I giue unto my Maide Eliza^th^ Ross & I giue unto my Sd daughter Symonds one paire of good Cotton & Linen Sheets & pillobears & ye best green rugg & one new blankett & one Suit of wearing apparell.

Item. I Giue unto my Grand daughter Sarah Lowe † one Siluer porringer.

Item. I Giue unto my daughter Hale ‡ my blacke Cloth Gowne & petticoat & a blacke Silke gown & petticoat.

Item. I Giue unto my Grand Sonn Robert Hale & his heires for Euer all ye rest of my Estate reall & personall Excepting ye remainder of my wearing apparell not hearin disposed of which I leaue at ye discretion of my Ouer Seers viz my Two Sonns Mr Jno Hale & Thomas Baker & my Cousin Jno Staniford to be disposed of Amongst those that haue & may be helpfull to mee in my Sickness or otherwise & Unto Each of my Sd ouer Seers I giue a gould ring in regard of their pains thearin & I appoint my Sd GrandSonn Hale Sole Executor of this my last will & Testament.

* He married Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Martha Harris.

† She was daughter of Harlakenden Symonds.

‡ I am puzzled to say who this was. Rebecca (Byley) Hale had been dead several years, and Rev. John Hale was at this time again a widower, his second wife having died two months before date of this will.

Item. I Giue unto ye poor of ye Towne of Ipswich Twenty Shillings in mony to be at ye discretion of my ouer Seers in Wittness whearof I have hearunto Sett my hand & Seale ye day & year afore Sd.

REB CA SYMONDS.

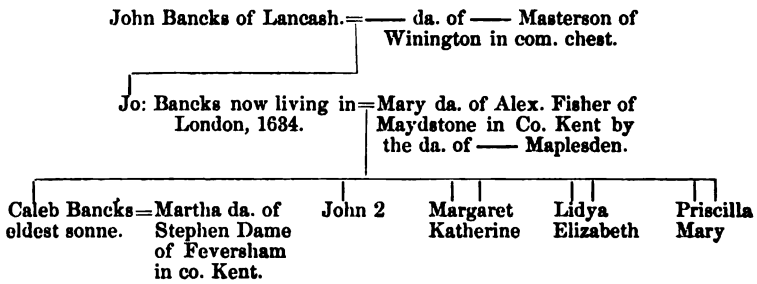
Signed Sealed & Declared
in p^r^sence of
JN^o^ STANIFORD
JAMES FFULLER
MARGARETT PYNCHON.

Proved 19 August, 1695.

APPENDIX.

FAMILY OF BANKS.

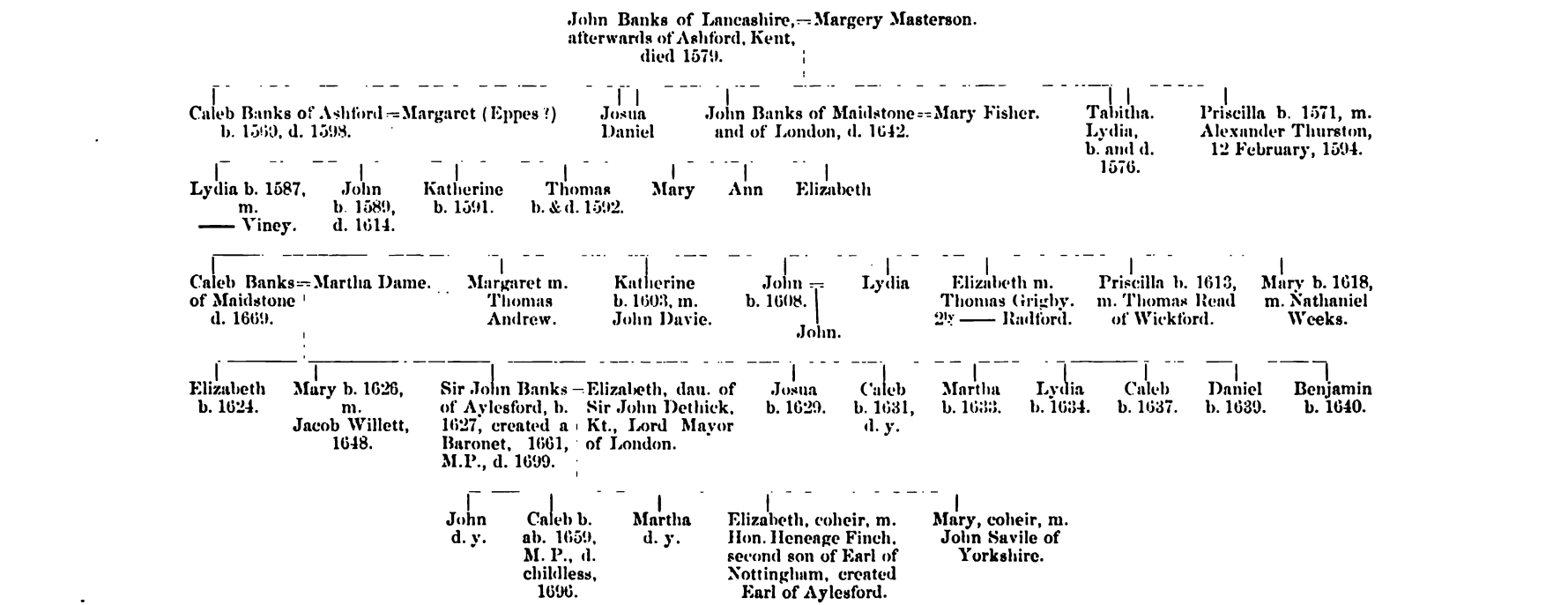
IN 1859 Mr. WILLIAM H. WHITMORE communicated to the "New-England Historical and Genealogical Register" a letter written from London 5 September, 1672, by LIDIA BANKES to her Coussen Daniel Eppes, of Ipswich, Mass. It was an answer to a letter brought to England by Harlakenden Symonds, and names many relations; and Mr. Whitmore made a guess as to the manner and degree of relationship, which was wonderfully good, considering the utter ignorance of the Read pedigree which then existed. The present volume contains, I think, a full explanation of all that was then a puzzle. To finish the work I add a pedigree of Banks, compiled from wills and parish registers, and the following, found in the British Museum, Ms. Harleian, 1476. I owe many facts to the labors of Mr. H. G. SOMERBY.



The full pedigree is as opposite.

Lydia, daughter of John Banks of Maidstone and London, was the writer of the letter. Her relationship to most of the persons mentioned in it is shown in the various pedigrees in this volume. She joined the Church of Salem, Mass., in 1637, but left about 1642, and in 1664 desired dismission to Mr. Nye's Church, London. Sir John Banks, Baronet, died 17 October, 1699, and was buried at Aylesford with all trophies, 31 October. The baronetcy became extinct at his death. In compliance with his will a monument was erected to his memory, with his and his wife's effigies in marble. According to Hasted, the Historian of Kent, his arms were, "Sable, on a cross, between four fleurs-de-lis, Argent, five pheons Azure;" but according to Burkes' "Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies," they were, "Sable, on a cross Or, between four fleurs-de-lis Argent, five pellets."

PEDIGREE OF BANKS.



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